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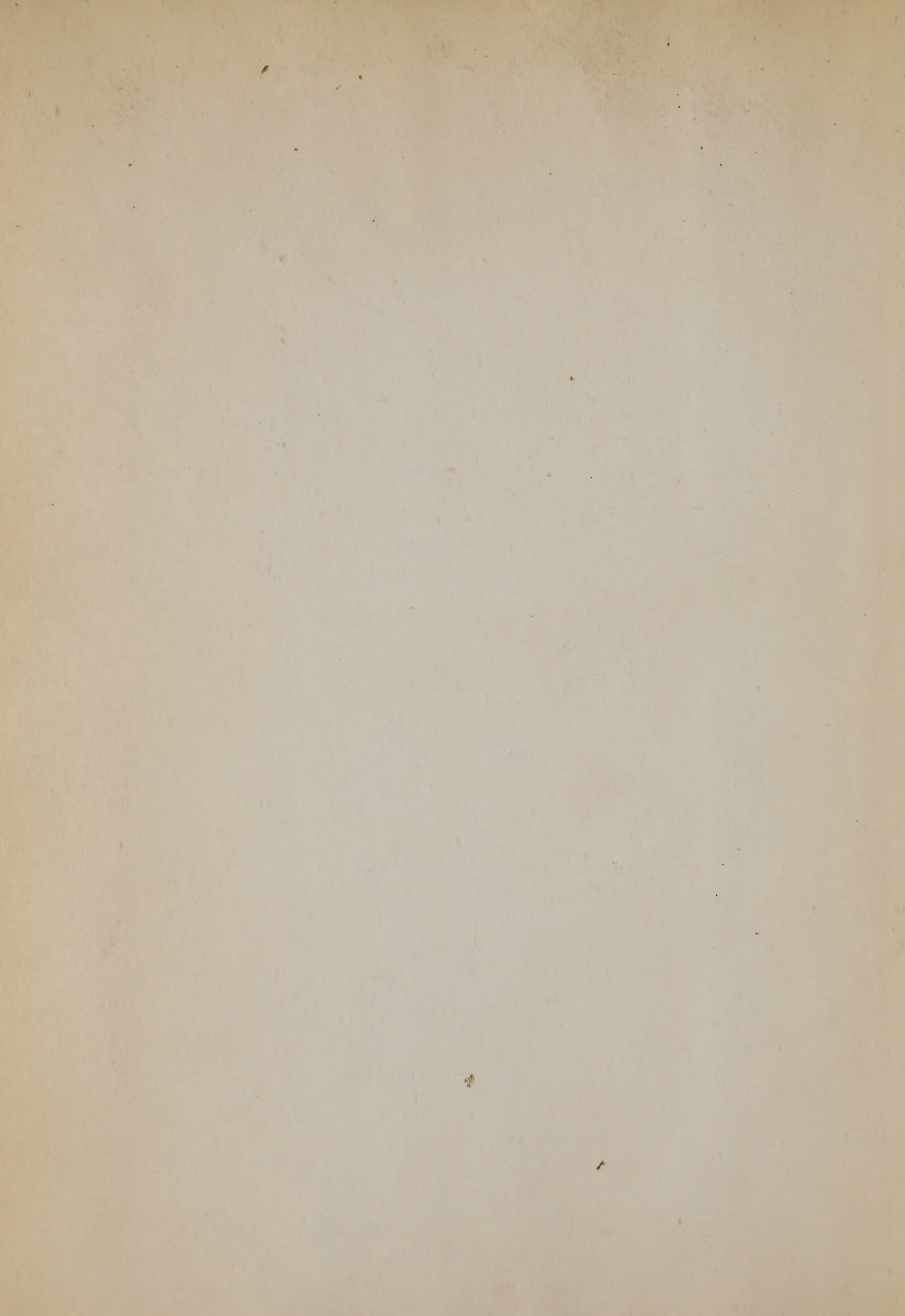














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Pursuant to the provisions of the city charter the common council met at the common council chamber, in the city hall, on Monday, May 2, 1864. At 8 o'clock p. m. the board was called to order by the city clerk.

The roll was called and the following named Aldermen answered to their names and took their seats.

First ward—William Clarke, Thomas B Decker, Thomas Earle.

Second ward—Isaac Edge, Thomas Gafney, John McBride.

Third ward—Horatio N. Ege, Stephen Quaife, Rufus K. Terry.

Fourth ward—Washington I. Hough, William H. Nafew, John W. Pangborn.

Fifth ward—Azariah Drake, Henry Finck, Andrew A. Gaddis.

Sixth ward—Patrick Duff, Cornelius Kane, John Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, Alderman McBride was appointed president *pro tempore*.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board proceeded to the election of a president for the ensuing year.

Alderman William Clarke was nominated by Alderman Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Earle it was unanimously Resolved, That the election be *viva voce*.

Whereupon Alderman William Clarke was *viva voce* unanimously elected president of the common council.

Aldermen Pangborn and Decker were appointed a committee to conduct the president to the chair.

The committee performed their duty, and the president addressed the board as follows:

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

You will accept my most grateful thanks for the high honor conferred in selecting me as your presiding officer. I promise you, that I will discharge the duties faithfully, honestly and impartially.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of city clerk.

George W. Cassedy was nominated by Alderman McBride.

On motion of Alderman Earle it was unanimously Resolved, That the election be *viva voce*.

Whereupon George W. Cassedy was *viva voce* unanimously appointed city clerk.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of city marshal.

Nathaniel Ellis was nominated by Alderman Gafney.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was unanimously

Resolved, That the election be *viva voce*.

Whereupon Nathaniel Ellis was *viva voce* unanimously appointed city marshal.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn it was

Resolved, That a committee, to consist of one alderman from each ward, be appointed to wait upon his honor the mayor, and inform him of the organization of the board and of its readiness to receive any communication he may desire to make to the common council.

Aldermen Pangborn, Decker, McBride, Terry, Finck and Kane were appointed the committee.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board took a recess of ten minutes to await the return of the committee appointed to wait upon his honor the mayor.

On the reassembling of the board the committee appointed to wait upon his honor the mayor verbally reported, through Alderman Pangborn, its chairman, that they had done so and the mayor desired them to present to the board his congratulations on their speedy organization, and to state that he will communicate to the common council by message at an early day.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of this board, until its further order, shall be  $\frac{7}{8}$  o'clock P. M.



The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That the rules and orders of the late board be adopted for the government of the present board, and that a special committee of three be appointed to draft new rules and orders for the government of this common council.

Aldermen McBride, Gafney and Earle were appointed the committee.

Alderman Kane moved

That the board do now adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Edge, Hough and Decker:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Lennon, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Earle.

On motion of Alderman Hough the board proceeded to the appointment of corporation attorney.

Richard D. McClelland was nominated by Alderman Hough.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Hough, Richard D. McClelland was *viva voce* unanimously appointed corporation attorney.

On motion of Alderman Ege the board proceeded to the appointment of corporation printer.

John H. Lyon was nominated by Alderman Gafney.

William Davison was nominated by Alderman Ege.

Six ballotings were had, as follows, no choice being effected.

Aldermen Decker and Quaife were appointed and acted as tellers.

First balloting—

John H. Lyon received eight votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Second balloting—

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

Third balloting—

John H. Lyon received eight votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Fourth balloting—

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received nine votes.

Fifth balloting—

John H. Lyon received eight votes.

William Davison received nine votes.

One blank was cast.

Sixth balloting—

Aldermen Ege and Edge were appointed tellers.

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

On motion of Alderman McBride further balloting was postponed.

Alderman Pangborn moved

That the board do now adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Hough, Edge and Decker:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Absent—None

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of city treasurer.

Peter D. Vroom was nominated by Alderman Decker.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the rule requir-

ing a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Decker, Peter D. Vroom was *viva voce* unanimously appointed city treasurer.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of collector of revenue.

John B. Haight was nominated by Alderman ennon.

On motion of Alderman Edge the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Lennon, John B. Haight was *viva voce* unanimously appointed collector of revenue.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of comptroller.

Thomas E. Tilden was nominated by Alderman Kane; Jacques V. Hardenbergh was nominated by Alderman McBride.

A balloting was had which resulted as follows:

Alderman Terry and McBride were appointed and acted as tellers.

Jacques V. Hardenbergh received ten votes.

Thomas E. Tilden received seven votes.

Whereupon Jacques V. Hardenbergh having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed comptroller.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the board proceeded to the appointment of Street Commissioner.

John D. Nolan was nominated by Alderman Gafney.

William D. Garretson was nominated by Alderman Quaife.

A balloting was had, which resulted as follows: Aldermen Drake and Gafney were appointed and acted as tellers.

John D. Nolan received twelve votes.

William D. Garretson received three votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon John D. Nolan, having received the requisite number of votes, was declared appointed Street Commissioner.

Alderman Ege moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Gafney and Decker.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Earle.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of overseer of the poor.

William Whitley was nominated by Alderman Hough.

On motion of Alderman Edge the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Hough, William Whitley was *viva voce* unanimously appointed overseer of the poor.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of weigher and measurer.

Joseph McManus was nominated by Alderman Nafew, and on motion of the same alderman the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and Joseph McManus was *viva voce* unanimously appointed weigher and measurer.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of inspector and sealer of weights and measures.

William H. Smith was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

William Murray was nominated by Alderman Pangborn.

Two ballotings were had which resulted as follows:

Aldermen Gaddis and Lennon were appointed and acted as tellers.



### First balloting—

William H. Smith received eight votes.  
William Murray received eight votes.  
Two blanks were cast.

### Second balloting—

William H. Smith received ten votes.  
William Murray received seven votes.  
One blank was cast.

Whereupon William H. Smith having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed inspector and sealer of weights and measures.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was

Resolved, That the board now proceed to the appointment of two gaugers and inspectors of domestic liquids, and that they be balloted for separately.

Luke O'Brien was nominated by Alderman Finck.

Michael McKone was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

Ballotings were had as follows, no choice being effected.

Aldermen Gaddis and Lennon were appointed tellers.

### First balloting—

Luke O'Brien received eight votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.  
One blank was cast.

### Second balloting—

Luke O'Brien received nine votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.

### Third balloting—

Luke O'Brien received nine votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.

### Fourth balloting—

Luke O'Brien received nine votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.  
Alderman Earle moved

That further balloting be postponed.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Edge, Gafney and Nafew:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

### Fifth balloting—

Aldermen Finck and Kane were appointed tellers.

Luke O'Brien received nine votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.  
Alderman Earle moved

To postpone further balloting.

The motions was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Edge, Nafew and Hough:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

### Sixth balloting—

Luke O'Brien received nine votes.  
Michael McKone received nine votes.  
Alderman Earle moved

That further balloting be postponed.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Edge, Hough and Nafew:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Alderman Quaife moved, that the board do now adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Edge, and Nafew.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of superintendent of ferries, wharves and piers.

Joseph H. Rommel was nominated by Alderman Earle.

On motion of Alderman Earle the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of the same Alderman, Joseph H. Rommel was *viva voce* unanimously appointed superintendent of ferries, wharves and piers.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board proceeded to the appointment of an inspector and measurer of lumber.

Peter Gordon was nominated by Alderman Gafney.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended, and on motion of the same alderman, Peter Gordon was, *viva voce*, unanimously appointed inspector and measurer of lumber.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board proceeded to the appointment of city physicians.

For the First District—

Edgar Olcott, jr., was nominated by Alderman Duff.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended, and, on motion of the same alderman, Edgar Olcott, jr., was, *viva voce*, unanimously appointed city physician for the First Health District.

For the Second District—

Theodore F. Morris was nominated by Alderman Duff.

Waters Burrows was nominated by Alderman Quaife.

A balloting was had, which resulted as follows: Aldermen Pangborn and Duff were appointed and acted as tellers.

Theodore F. Morris received thirteen votes.

Waters Burrows received four votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Theodore F. Morris, having received the requisite number of votes, was declared appointed City Physician for the Second Health District.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board proceeded to the appointment of members of the board of education.

For the First ward—

David Gould was nominated by Alderman Decker.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and David Gould was *viva voce* unanimously appointed a member of the board of education for the First ward.

For the Second ward—

John H. Lyon was nominated by Alderman Gafney.

Alexander Wilson was nominated by Alderman Pangborn.

A balloting was had which resulted as follows: Alderman Nafew and Hough were appointed and acted as tellers.

John H. Lyon received ten votes.

Alexander Wilson received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon John H. Lyon having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed a member of the board of Education for the Second ward.

For the Third ward—

Thomas T. Lacy was nominated by Alderman Terry.



On motion of Alderman Hough the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of the same alderman, Thomas T. Lacy was *viva voce* unanimously appointed a member of the board of education for the Third ward.

For the Fourth ward—

Christopher D. Mills was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

Jacob Weart was nominated by Alderman Ege.

Four ballotings were had which resulted as follows:

First balloting—

Aldermen Hough and Nafew acted as tellers.

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

Jacob Weart received seven votes.

Two blanks were cast.

John H. Smyth was nominated by Alderman Earle.

Second balloting—

John H. Smyth received five votes.

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

Jacob Weart received three votes.

One blank was cast.

Third balloting—

Aldermen Quaife and Decker acted as tellers.

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

John H. Smyth received two votes.

Jacob Weart received six votes.

One blank was cast.

William Cox was nominated by Alderman Pangborn.

Fourth balloting—

Christopher D. Mills received ten votes.

William Cox received five votes.

Jacob Weart received two votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Christopher D. Mills, having received the requisite number of votes, was declared appointed a member of the Board of Education for the Fourth ward.

For the Fifth Ward.

Francis Robinson was nominated by Alderman Gaddis.

Jacob R. Wortendyke was nominated by Alderman Finck.

Two ballotings were had, which resulted as follows:

Aldermen Quaife and Decker were appointed and acted as tellers.

First balloting—

Francis Robinson received nine votes.

Jacob R. Wortendyke received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Second balloting—

Francis Robinson received ten votes.

Jacob R. Wortendyke received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Francis Robinson, having received the requisite number of votes, was declared appointed a member of the Board of Education for the Fifth Ward.

For the Sixth Ward.

Andrew Clancy, jr., was nominated by Alderman Lennon.

Ferdinand Lewis was nominated by Alderman Ege.

A balloting was had, which resulted as follows: Aldermen Ege and Earle were appointed and acted as tellers.

Andrew Clancy, jr., received ten votes.

Ferdinand Lewis received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Andrew Clancy, jr., having received the requisite number of votes, was declared appointed a member of the Board of Education for the Sixth Ward.

On motion of Alderman Edge it was

Resolved, That Aid Patrick Jordan be requested to act as chief of police until the vacancy caused by the death of Edward D. Reily be filled.

On motion of Alderman Edge, the board then adjourned

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, May 3, 1864, at 7½ o'clock p.m.

Present—All the members of the board.

The president announced the following as the Standing Committees of the board:

Alms—Aldermen Hough, McBride, and Earle.

Assessments—Aldermen Finck, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Ferries and Wharves—Aldermen Quaife, Terry, and Drake.

Finance—Aldermen Gaddis, Decker and Nafew.

Fire and Water—Alderman Nafew, Edge, and Hough.

Lamps—Aldermen Lennon, Duff, and Gaddis.

Laws and Ordinances—Alderman Pangborn, Lennon, and Finck.

Licenses—Aldermen Decker, Gafney, and Kane.

Printing and Stationery—Aldermen Gafney, Nafew, and Quaife.

Police—Aldermen Edge, Gafney, and Decker.

Public Grounds and Buildings—Aldermen Ege, Terry, and Edge.

Public Health—Aldermen Drake, Duff, and Kane.

Railroads—Aldermen Terry, Ege, and McBride.

Salaries, Offices and Elections—Aldermen Kane, Gaddis, and Lennon.

Schools—Aldermen Earle, Ege, and Pangborn.

Sewers—Aldermen Duff, Earle, and Drake.

Streets—Aldermen McBride, Hough, and Finck.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

Petition of P. H. Zabriskie for permission to build a dock and extend a pier from his lots at the corner of Putnam and Bergen streets, in a southerly or easterly direction, &c.

Referred to Committee on Ferries and Wharves.

Communication of D. E. Culver, city surveyor in reference to survey, &c., of shore line around Jersey City, &c.

Referred to Committee on Ferries and Wharves.

Official bonds of John Fallon as constable, with Peter Curley and Charles McCann as sureties; Walter Van Derzee as constable, with William Harney and Noah D. Taylor as sureties; Patrick Warren as constable, with Patrick Reilly and Cornelius V. Traphagen as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from Isaac T. Smith in reference to bonds held by him, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Michael Walsh for a public porters license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John Devine for a junk shop license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Alexander Hamilton for the abatement of a nuisance caused by stagnant water, on lots of ground fronting on Morgan street, used as a skating pond.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Petition of Daniel W. Culver, for extension of time for completion of contract for improvement of South Seventh street, from Coles street to Brunswick street, &c.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power.

Petition of Edward Hope, jr., and others to have the south side of Railroad avenue, between the west line of Warren street and the east line of Prospect street, filled to the established grade, paved, guttered, curbed, and sidewalks flagged the full width.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

A claim of the Police Department, \$1,911 92, for services for April, 1864, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Police; the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the report of the committee on the same, and said claim reported correct and ordered paid.

#### OFFICERS COMMUNICATIONS.

The annual report of Samuel C. McLaughlin, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was presented, received, and laid upon the table.

The annual reports of the Overseer of the Poor and Superintendent of the Alms House, accompanied by a copy of the rules and regulations of the Alms House, were presented, received, and laid upon the table.

Reports of acting Chief of Police Jordan, of the number of gas lamps and oil lamps not lighted or burning during the month of April, 1864, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The report of the City Treasurer for the month of April, 1864, showing a balance in the treasury on the 30th ult. of \$21,384 42 was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The City Clerk laid before the Board a report received by him this 3d inst., at 15 minutes of one o'clock, p. m., of John Huyler, Isaac Van Wagener and Thomas Aldridge, Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to re-assess the damages of Elizabeth H. Durant for the opening of Montgomery street.

The report was ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

*To the Common Council of Jersey City:*

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, May 2, 1864, it was Resolved, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been taken—

That requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims:—John English, repairing stoves colored school, \$2, John Miller, repairs, school No 2, \$31 75.

P. D. VROOM, Clerk Board of Education.

Jersey City, May 3, 1864.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education, and for the amounts respectively named.

Returns were presented from the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid assessments for building basin and culvert on the northeast corner of Prospect and South 8th streets, basin and culvert on southeast corner of York and Van Vorst streets, and basin and culvert on the northwest corner of Grove and Canal streets.

The returns were received, and on motion of Alderman Gaddis it was

Resolved, That the returns received this evening from the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid assessments for receiving basins and culverts, on the northeast corner of Prospect and South Eighth streets, southeast corner of York and Van Vorst streets, and on the northwest corner of Grove and Canal streets, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to advertise and sell, according to law, the property described therein, and with authority to make all needful rules and regulations for the government of such sale, and with power to suspend or adjourn the sale of the same, or any part thereof.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of Dravton & Durant, \$152 23; Matthew Erwin, \$120; S M Hoffman, \$42 75; G and J C Laurence, \$23 50; Mrs C Lynch, \$6, and Hugh Reilly, \$16 15.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of J W Harrison, \$9 75; S M Hoffman, \$205 88; G and J C Laurence, \$15 25; Mitchell & Finnelly, \$7 and \$5 50, and O'Conner & Pearson, \$66 10.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of E F C Young, \$3.



Referred to Committee on Finance.  
Of W C Curran, \$103 25, and J F Richardson,  
\$23.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.  
Of Nathaniel Ellis, \$42 06.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of B F Snow, \$105 45.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of officers of election first ward, \$34, and Edgar  
Cleott, jr., \$50.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and  
Elections.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman McBride, it was  
Resolved, That the question of legality of issu-  
ing city bonds in payment of contracts for Belgian  
pavement be referred to the city attorney.

The following resolution was offered by Alder-  
man Hough:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be and  
are hereby authorized to procure the necessary  
supplies for the alms house.

Alderman Quaife moved to amend the resolution  
by adding the words "as they may be required  
from time to time."

The amendment was adopted by the following  
vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and  
taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Terry and  
Edge:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker,  
Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney,  
Kane, Lennon, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge, Hough, McBride and  
Nafew.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alder-  
man Nafew.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appoint-  
ed to purchase emblems for the mayor and the  
new members of this board.

The resolution was adopted and Aldermen Na-  
few, Hough and Pangborn were appointed the com-  
mittee.

The following resolution was offered by Alder-  
man McBride and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be  
authorized to have the streets of Jersey City swept  
and the garbage removed by days work until such  
time as a contract can be entered into for the per-  
formance of that necessary duty.

On motion of Alderman McBride the board pro-  
ceeded to the appointment of corporation printer.  
William Davison was nominated by Alderman  
Ege, John H. Lyon was nominated by Alderman  
Gafney.

Five ballotings were had which resulted as fol-  
lows:

Ald Quaife and Decker were appointed and acted  
as tellers.

First balloting—

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Second balloting—

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Third balloting—

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Alderman Earle moved

That further balloting be postponed.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the  
yeas and nays being ordered and taken on the call  
of Aldermen Nafew, Edge and Decker.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Kane, and  
Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker,  
Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Len-  
non, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Fourth balloting—

Aldermen Ege and Earle acted as tellers.

John H. Lyon received nine votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Fifth balloting—

John H. Lyon received ten votes.

William Davison received eight votes.

Whereupon John H. Lyon having received the  
requisite number of votes was declared appointed  
corporation printer.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was

Resolved, That the board do now proceed to the  
appointment of two gaugers and inspectors of do-  
mestic liquids, the appointments to be made sepa-  
rately.

Michael McKone was nominated by Alderman  
Gafney.

Luke O'Brien was nominated by Alderman  
Drake.

Three ballotings were had which resulted as  
follows:

Alderman Terry and Edge were appointed and  
acted as tellers.

First balloting

Michael McKone received nine votes.

Luke O'Brien received six votes.

Three blanks were cast.

Second balloting

Michael McKone received nine votes.

Luke O'Brien received eight votes.

One blank was cast.

Third balloting

Michael McKone received ten votes.

Luke O'Brien received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Michael McKone having received  
the requisite number of votes was declared ap-  
pointed a gauger and inspector of domestic liquids.

Joseph Van Doren was nominated by Alderman  
Hough.

On motion of Alderman Earle the rule requir-  
ing a balloting was by unanimous consent suspend-  
ed, and on motion of Alderman Hough, Joseph  
Van Doren was *viva voce* unanimously appointed  
a gauger and inspector of domestic liquids.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was

Resolved, That a committee of six (one Alder-  
man from each ward), be appointed for the pur-  
pose of recruiting to fill the quota of Jersey City.

Aldermen Gafney, Decker, Quaife, Pangborn,  
Drake and Kane were appointed the committee,  
and on motion of Alderman Nafew, his honor the  
mayor was added to the committee.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn it was

Resolved, That all papers returned as unfinished  
business of the late board be taken from the table  
and referred to the appropriate committees of this  
common council.

Alderman Gaddis moved

That the Committee on Finance be authorized  
to borrow the sum of twenty thousand dollars for  
a period of sixty days with interest at the  
rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that on the  
requisition of said committee the mayor and city  
clerk are hereby authorized to issue a bond or  
bonds for said amount to the party or parties from  
whom the same shall be borrowed, said monies to  
be appropriated to the payment of bounties to vo-  
lunteers.

The motion was adopted by the following vote,  
the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker,  
Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis,  
Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew,  
Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

On motion of Alderman Hough the board then  
adjourned.

CEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, May 10, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, and Finck.

By consent of the board Aldermen Gafney and Decker exchanged with each other their positions as chairmen of the Committees on Printing and Stationery and Licenses, and Aldermen Gafney and Lennon exchanged with each other their positions on the Committees on Laws and Ordinances and Licenses.

The minutes of the organization meeting of May 2, 1864, and of the regular meeting of May 3, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of George McLaughlin to have canceled sale made to him July 26, 1849, of lot 13 Newark avenue, in block 47, for assessment, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Solomon Wescott for a declaration of sale of lot 12 Railroad avenue, in block 47, sold to C. H. Voorhis for taxes of 1853, and by him assigned to the petitioner, and for an assignment of declarations of sale of lots 30 and 31 Newark avenue, in block 47, sold to the city treasurer for water rents of 1859, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Official bonds of Peter D Vroom, as city treasurer, with J D Miller and David Gould as sureties; John B Haight, as collector of revenue, with John Van Vorst and Ephraim Pray as sureties; Richard D McClelland, as corporation attorney, with Michael McKone and Samuel M Hoffman as sureties; William Whitley, as overseer of the poor, with Samuel M Hoffman and Robert B Kashow as sureties; Michael McKone, as gauger and inspector of domestic liquids, with James Keary and Patrick Reilly as sureties; Joseph Van Doren, as a gauger and inspector of domestic liquids, with James A Williamson and William Thomas Poole as sureties; and of William H Smith, as inspector and sealer of weights and measures, with James McLaughlin and Japhet Jardine as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Jackson Engine Co No 6, and property holders, for a fire engine for said company, &c.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Petition of Engine Company No 5, for a new fire engine.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Petition of the cartmen of Jersey City for amendments to the cart ordinance.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of the surveyors of Hudson County for establishment of schedule of prices for surveying, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petitions of Edward Gilleland, John Concklin, and Samuel Meek, for licenses to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Peter Connell for a public porter's license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William Perry for transfer of inn and tavern license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of the members of the police department for an increase of salary.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of Diligent Hose Company No. 3 for the erection of a house for the use of said company, on the lot adjoining the Station House, owned by the city.

Referred to Committee on Public grounds and Buildings.

Petition of Thomas Cudbirth and others for the abatement of nuisance existing on lots fronting on South Third street, between Monmouth and Brunswick streets, &c., accompanied by a communication signed by Lewis Johnson and others in reference thereto, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Petition of Abraham Collard and others for construction of receiving basins and culverts on southeast and south-west corners of Monmouth and South Seventh streets, to connect with the main sewer in South Seventh street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petition T. C. Scarry and others for re-numbering of Railroad avenue, from Grove street to Barrow street.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of John H. Hopken and others to have Montgomery street, from the south side of Newark avenue to the north side of Gregory street, including intersections, filled to the established grade, sidewalks flagged the full width, curbed, and road-way paved with Belgian pavement.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of David Bedford and others to have South Eighth street from the easterly side of Brunswick street to the westerly side of Newark avenue, and the intersections filled to the established grade paved, curbs reset, gutters relaid and sidewalks refilled where required, and flagged, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from John J. Hill, consenting to a change of payment on his contract for improvement of Greene street, &c.

The following preamble and resolution in relation thereto, were offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Whereas, The specification for the improvement of Greene street from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street, provides that the payments shall be made in bonds having five years to run, at seven per cent. interest, and John J. Hill, the applicant, to whom the contract for said improvement has been awarded, has agreed to accept cash instead of said bonds.

Therefore be it resolved, That the city attorney be instructed to draw the contracts for the improvement in the preamble hereto mentioned in conformity with said agreement.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Isaac B Culver, \$20; W C Curren, \$103 25; Drayton & Durant, \$152 23; Officers of election of first ward, 34; Matthew Erwin, \$120; J W Harrison, \$9 75; S M Hoffman, \$205 88; G and J C Lawrence, \$15 25; Mrs C Lynch, \$6; Mitchell & Flannelly, \$7; E Oleott, jr, M. D., \$50; Hugh Reilly, \$16 15; J F Richardson, \$23, and E F C Young, \$8.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of F P Budden, \$25; Peter Doyle, \$21; J H Lyon, \$200, and Patrick Warren, \$21.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The annual message of his honor the mayor was presented, received and read.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Hough:

Resolved, That the annual message of his honor the mayor be published in the corporation paper, and three hundred copies printed in pamphlet form under the direction of the city clerk.



Alderman Quaife moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be instructed to advertise for two days for proposals, for a contract to publish in pamphlet form, three hundred copies of the annual message of his honor the mayor and reports of city officers.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Gafney and Terry:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.  
Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

Alderman Gaddis moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "in the corporation paper," and inserting in their place the words "once in all the Jersey City papers."

The amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Quaife and Terry:

Yeas—Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

The resolution as amended was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Ege and Earle:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

The following resolution was offered Alderman Earle and adopted:

Resolved, That the message of his honor the mayor be printed in the minutes, and the various subjects embraced therein be referred to their appropriate committees, the president naming them at his leisure.

Said message being as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, May 10, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

Section 15, title 2, of the charter declares, among other duties, that the mayor shall "recommend to the common council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the city," but there is no provision in the charter requiring such recommendations to be made at any particular time. I shall, therefore, call your attention at the present moment, only to such subjects as, in my judgment, require immediate action; and shall make such suggestions from time to time hereafter, as may be deemed useful or desirable in promoting the best interests of our people and property.

Immediate action should be taken in regard to the enforcement of the city ordinances. A poor law properly enforced is far better than the wisest if left unexecuted, and the disposition on the part of officials to neglect their duty in this respect, and on the part of the people to put the ordinances for the regulation and welfare of the city at defiance, has grown every year more apparent, till the violation of law has become the rule and the enforcement the exception. The fault is not alone that of the paid officials, but is due to a considerable extent to a want of decisive action on the part of your honorable body.

I am satisfied if you will take the matter in hand with a determination to carry it through, the laws for the better observance of the Sabbath, now almost wholly inoperative, can be practically en-

forced. Our streets can be cleared of all the rubbish, old vehicles and obstructions of all kinds, that have become so great a public nuisance as to attract the attention, for the second time, of the grand jury of the county; the paving, grading and repairing of the streets and sidewalks, in which there is now a great want of uniformity, and but little attention paid to the ordinances providing for such cases; the abatement of nuisances injurious to property, destructive to business and dangerous to the public health, and all the ordinances providing for the maintenance of peace and good order, can be fully executed. But when the members of your honorable body hesitate, the public servants will only be known for their "masterly inactivity." They feel that you are the moving power, and if you shrink from your duty, they will most certainly follow your example. I trust you will feel the responsibility that rests upon you, and will early mark out, and afterward faithfully pursue, such a course of action that when your term of office shall expire, the people, the highest recognized power in a republican government, will be ready to exclaim, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

#### FINANCE.

I approach the financial department of our city government with great diffidence. Many persons would declare it to be in a prosperous condition. Our bonds sell at a premium, we can borrow all we want for any and every purpose, and so far as the issue of bonds has been required for the payment of bounties, it has received the hearty approval of the great majority of tax payers.

But true prosperity does not consist in being able to borrow—it consists in the *ability to pay*. And I am surprised and pained to learn, upon investigation, that while we have been running annually deeper and deeper in debt, no provision is now, or ever has been made, for the liquidation of any of our maturing obligations.

There are held by the Saving's Bank at the present moment unpaid bonds of the city, which matured on the 4th of this month, amounting to \$35,000 00, and smaller matured items held elsewhere, to meet which no provision has been made.

We are accustomed to meet our obligations by the issue of new bonds, but rarely by actual payment. If you will apply this system to your own private business you will see at once how it must end; and how, but in utter financial ruin? I am afraid the different members of your honorable body have not, heretofore, taken sufficient interest in this subject, the most important question, allow me to say, that will be brought before you during your official term. And my desire now is not to give unnecessary alarm, but to lay the matter before you in such a light as will move you to prompt and decisive action. You should proceed at once to devise some means to liquidate the enormous debt that now hangs over us, and which is increasing, and for the present must, perhaps, continue to increase, for war purposes, at a rate fearful to contemplate.

The authorized permanent debt of Jersey City is two million one hundred and ninety four thousand dollars, and the actual outstanding indebtedness on the first of May, 1864, was:

City bonds, various forms.....	\$ 613,149 22
Water bonds not redeemed.....	1,189,000 00

Total. .... \$1,802,149 22

We have also a floating debt not included in the above.

The city of New York has, for years, had the reputation, whether justly or not, of being the most corruptly governed, the deepest in debt, and the most heavily taxed, of any city in the Union. Her indebtedness, on the 31st of December last, as stated in the message of Mayor Gunther, page

7, was \$19,929,441. The present population of New York City is about one million, showing an indebtedness equal to about \$20 for each individual, or \$100 for each head of a family of five members. Take the number of inhabitants of Jersey City at 35,000 [a high estimate] and the authorized debt of \$2,194,000, and we have \$62 for each inhabitant, or a debt of \$310 for the head of every family of five members!

Heretofore one of the great mistakes has been, the supposition that the water loan was not actually a part of the city debt.

Section 19, of the act creating the water commission, approved March 25, 1852, provides as follows: "And all contracts and engagements, acts and doings of the said commissioners, within the scope of their duty or authority, shall be obligatory upon and be in law considered as done by the mayor and common council of Jersey City; and the said mayor and common council, and all real estate within Jersey City, and all goods and chattels within said city belonging to residents thereof, shall be liable for the payment of the principal and interest that may become due on the scrip or bonds, to be issued by virtue of this act."

Your attention is earnestly solicited to the fact that we are every year expending more money than is appropriated by the tax ordinance, and these deficiencies have accumulated to such an extent, that we are now compelled to borrow, in anticipation of taxes about one half of the whole tax levy; and a large amount is lost annually by the payment of interest, which might be saved by proper management. Some plan must be adopted by which we can stop these deficiencies.

A sinking fund should be organized, with positive resources and of sufficient amount to provide for the final extinction of the city debt.

The charter contemplates the establishment of such a fund. But be warned in time against the delusion of creating a sinking fund by any process of borrowing.

Our debts can only be paid by some form of taxation. All fees for licenses and other purposes should be devoted to a sinking fund.

A public market is greatly needed and should be established, the surplus revenue from which should be given to that fund.

The water works, if properly managed, would yield a surplus that should be used for that purpose, and there are other sources of revenue besides direct taxation. But to establish a sinking fund, and permit annual deficiencies to continue, would be only an indirect method of borrowing for it. It would only be imitating the scheme promulgated by Mr. Pitt in 1786, for the extinguishment of the public debt of Great Britain, and which was considered at that time to be the greatest act of his life, but which is now only known as that great statesman's "favorite delusion and most brilliant miscarriage." If any of you desire to investigate the subject, you are referred to an article which appeared in the *North British Review* for August 1862, and to another in the *Westminster Review* for July 1862.

The great problem of finance was solved by John Randolph, of Roanoke, when he declared that he found the true philosopher's stone, it being to "pay as you go." But that solution has been entirely lost sight of in these days, and the great question that obtains in this country now is, how far can you go without paying?"

Some steps should be taken to enforce the collection of the personal tax, most of which is now lost. Many do not pay who are quite willing to do so if called upon. A very trifling outlay for an assistant to the collector of revenue, to enable him to distribute the tax bills, and to send to the parties at their places of residence or business, would produce a very respectable sum. The expense of what

are now known as the tax warrants, could with advantage be directed to this object.

The consolidation of the offices of "collector of taxes," "collector of arrears," and "collector of assessments" into one office has proved of great advantage, and the collection is now made at about one-half the former expense.

#### THE TAX ORDINANCE.

The tax appropriations for the current year will be necessarily large in the aggregate, by comparison with those of former years, and there is the greater need that every item shall be carefully considered and brought down to the lowest possible point, before being inserted in the tax ordinance. The amount for the police and school departments must be materially increased, and the proper improvements of the public park will call for a considerable item. The policy of paving our main avenues and thoroughfares with the trap block, or Belgian pavement is beyond question the true one, and its continuance should be provided for.

It is to be regretted that former boards have seen fit to violate that wise provision of the forty-fourth section of the charter, which provides that the appropriations of the tax ordinance "shall be confined to the objects therein specified, and be appropriated to no other." I shall feel it my duty to see that this provision is fully carried out.

The expenditures exceed the appropriations of the past year about \$15,000 or \$16,000.

The interest item was very large, the actual expenditure, after deducting interest collected by redemption of property, &c., was \$22,000. Economy in the passage of a tax ordinance should be positive and decided, but at the same time practical. Economy in this case does not consist in refusing to raise and expend money, but in the raising of no more than is absolutely necessary.

By a recent change in the law, granting deductions for mortgages on real estate, the labor of the assessors will be greatly increased.

#### ALMSHOUSE DEPARTMENT.

The city has expended considerable money to establish, and has justly taken pride in the management of the almshouse and hospital, but that department as at present constituted, is no longer needed. Hudson county has completed and now in successful operation, the almshouse and workhouse in course of construction last year, and for the proper proportion of the original cost and annual expense of maintaining which, Jersey City is made liable by recent action of the State legislature. By removing all paupers to the county almshouse the annual expense of that establishment will be increased but very little, and you will save to the city nearly the whole cost of maintaining them here. However averse your honorable body may be to joining with the other portions of the county in that enterprise, all doubt of the liability of this city for her proportion of the cost and expense is now removed, and you cannot expect the people to submit to be taxed for the support of both.

When a member of the common council, three years ago, I was appointed one of a committee to attend a meeting of the board of chosen freeholders and protest against the purchase of the Snake hill property, and the erection thereon of buildings for an almshouse and workhouse, if Jersey City were to be made liable for her proportion of the expense, and I then estimated to that board the cost of their undertaking to be from seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars. My estimate was thought to be so enormous as to make it unworthy of consideration. The actual expenditure has already approached seventy thousand dollars, and a new building is yet in contemplation, as well as other improvements to be made, which will carry the cost quite up to the original estimate.



The board of chosen freeholders procured legislative authority to make the purchase and erect the buildings, and Jersey City is called upon for about one-half the whole expense, and we should now take all possible advantage of the privileges we are compelled to pay for. The outdoor poor must still be provided for, but I estimate an annual saving of from five to six thousand dollars by taking the course recommended. Our city almshouse department cost last year, over eight thousand dollars.

#### THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It is gratifying to find the people awaking to the importance of our public schools. Their cause need not be advocated before the Common Council. A legislative body in this country need not be told that education is the bitterest enemy of vice and immorality; that it is the great lever by which one community, or one nation, is lifted above another. We all know and acknowledge these things, and therefore should never cease our efforts to promote and to spread the blessings of public schools.

For details in the working of the system in this city I refer you to the report of the Board of Education. Our schools are already acknowledged to be second to none in the State, and, under the fostering care of our popular and most efficient superintendent, it is believed we shall soon rival the famed schools of New England. The population has increased so rapidly that greater accommodation is needed for the children, and I recommend that a further appropriation be made in the tax ordinance for a new school building. In the ordinance of last year an appropriation of \$5,000 was made towards that object. Let it be remembered, that in building up our public schools we are building up and strengthening the very foundations of society, "not for a day, but for all time."

It will be necessary to authorize a material advance in the salaries of the female teachers. The salaries now paid are but about half the amount paid in New York to the same grade, while the labor required has been far greater.

#### RAILROADS.

A storm of just indignation swept over Jersey City last year, at the great number of lives sacrificed at the railroad crossings.

A little expense and attention on the part of the companies, I am confident, would have saved, with a single exception, the whole of them. Gates similar to those now being erected should be required to be placed at every crossing in the city limits, and suitable persons provided by the companies to attend the gates at night as well as in the day time. Heretofore the crossings have been left entirely unattended during the passage of the night trains, and several serious accidents have happened in consequence. After these gates are erected and attended, the practice of blowing the whistles of the locomotives as they fly through the town should cease. If the track be properly protected, such a practice dwindles from usefulness to a nuisance, and should be abated as such.

The time is rapidly approaching when the running of locomotive engines through the populous portions of the city will have to be stopped.

I would call your especial attention to the occupation and use of our main avenues for the running of steam cars, commonly called dummy engines. I am convinced that a candid investigation will show that the running of these engines through the streets endangers the lives of our people, and especially of elderly persons and children; that they are a damage to the property fronting on streets through which they pass, and that they work a general injury to the business community.

There are no avenues leading from the upper portions of the city to the ferries to Courtlandt and Desbrosses streets, that are free from these dangerous engines, and teams loaded with freight from manufacturing establishments, on their way to and from New York, meet them unexpectedly and are compelled suddenly to get out of the way, to the great injury of the horses, and the frequent breaking down of the vehicles, in the endeavor to get out of or cross the attack, especially in Montgomery and York streets.

People who drive in from the country to trade with our shopkeepers are prevented from stopping in the main streets with their teams, and those who drive for pleasure, who are entitled to equal protection at your hands, will, if your honorable body permits the use of these dummies on the different tracks throughout the city, soon be entirely excluded from the streets, and that class of people, to a great extent, will be driven out of the city. It is almost impossible to drive past these engines on dark nights, with their glaring fires burning.

Some of you, who pass from your residences to the ferries at early morning, on your way to your business in New York, and back again in the edge of evening, and to whom these facts are not brought home by actual experience, by due inquiry will find that my assertions are mild, in comparison with what might be said, of the injury they work. I refer you to the stable-keepers, the physicians, manufacturers, cartmen, in fact to every class of people who have to drive, either for business or pleasure. Ask any property owner whether his houses will let as well if these engines are allowed to run frequently in front of them?

Would you allow them in front of your own dwellings, and if not, then do they not render less desirable all property wherever they pass?

It is for you to consider whether they accommodate the citizens of Jersey City, by carrying them from point to point more rapidly, with greater safety, and at less price than the horse cars, or other means of conveyance, would transport them, and whether, if they do carry more rapidly, safely and cheaply, the advantages in these respects are equal to the disadvantages I have pointed out.

If you arrive at the conclusion that they are upon the whole an advantage as a means of conveyance for the citizens, then the important question arises, can a public street be monopolized for such a purpose, without due compensation being made to owners of property for any damage or depreciation in consequence?

There are other important questions to be passed upon, but I shall have accomplished my object if I have said enough to induce an investigation on the part of your honorable body, entirely free from prejudice or predilection. During such investigation, it should be remembered that we have nothing to do with the advantage or disadvantage to the companies themselves, in the use of these engines. You have only to consider, as the charter makes it my duty to recommend, measures "for the welfare of the city."

#### THE WATER WORKS.

Great progress has been made towards procuring an increased and more permanent supply of Passaic water. The new 36-inch main pipe, intended to connect the reservoir at Belleville with the one on Bergen hill, has been laid the whole distance on both sides of the Hackensack river, and so soon as it is laid across the river we shall have a double connection between the two reservoirs, consisting of the original 20-inch main and a new 36-inch main, which, together, it is believed will deliver all the water this part of Hudson county will require for the next twenty years.

But why the water commissioners have failed to cause the new 36-inch pipe to be laid across the

Hackensack river during the past two years I am not informed.

When president of your honorable body in 1862, and *ex-officio*, a member of the board of water commissioners, at the first meeting I attended of that board a contract was offered for approval, which had been entered into with Brown for the laying of that pipe, 1,000 feet, for the sum of \$75,000, and believing that the contract had been illegally entered into for want of the necessary advertisement and competition required by law, and that the sum named in the contract was about double the necessary cost of the work, and having proved to my entire satisfaction by a series of experiments made with a three inch pipe, that the thirty-six inch pipe, if laid upon the plan proposed by Brown, would not deliver anything like the quantity of water the commissioners had calculated upon, I introduced and procured the adoption of a resolution rejecting the contract with Brown. The superintendent and engineer was then instructed to prepare a plan upon which to lay the pipe, but I am not aware that any further progress has been made in the matter. The thirty-six inch main has been connected with the old twenty inch main, on the west bank of the river, and an increased supply is now produced in that way, but that increased supply brings an increased strain upon the twenty inch main across and from the river to the Bergen reservoir, rendering it all the more necessary that the new pipe should be connected at once across the river.

The engineer reported to the board, *at that time* that the 20 inch pipe was not a safe dependence for a supply of water, and yet with an *increased pressure upon it*, we are to-day *wholly dependent on that pipe* from the west bank of the Hackensack to the Bergen reservoir: When that connection is made and the improvements now in progress are finished, we shall be able to point with pride to the most perfect and complete water works in the whole country. The works at Belleville are in perfect order, and casualties and contingencies provided against with the greatest care.

I desire to call your attention to the enormous powers possessed by the board of Water Commissioners. Not because of any abuse of such powers by former boards, nor of any fear that such powers may be abused by the present Commissioners, but because such power, conferred upon a board so few in number, strikes me as very unusual, and may become dangerous in the future.

Your honorable body may not be aware, or if aware, may not reflect, that the present *bonded indebtedness* of the Water Works is \$1,189,000, and that the Commissioners are authorized to incur a permanent debt amounting in all to \$1,475,000, as shown in a statement procured from the Registrar, and herewith transmitted; and that for the payment of this enormous debt, with interest, not the Water Works alone, but all the public and private property in Jersey City is liable.

Yet with all this liability the Common Council has no voice in deciding whether, when, or in what manner these debts shall be created.

A simple resolution of the board of five commissioners, receiving an affirmative vote of *but three members* may call for the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars! and there is no power on the part of the mayor and common council to compel them to revise or to reconsider the act. Yet your honorable body, considered to be the highest power in the city government, cannot appropriate a single dollar without being liable to be called upon to reaffirm or reconsider your action. In the case of the water commissioners, a single member often decides questions of vast magnitude, involving the most important interests.

Two votes being in the negative and two in the affirmative a decision is left to the single remaining member. In the common council a tie vote is also

decided by one member, but important measures—all measures affecting the interests of the city—go to the mayor for his approval, and if he object it will require two more members to make a two-thirds vote before a final adoption; together with the advantage of your having had time to reflect upon and reconsider your own action, and actually dividing the final decision among several members. A change could be made by adopting either of the following suggestions:

By requiring all important measures of the Water Board to be first approved by the Common Council. Or, by requiring all such measures to be presented direct to the Mayor for his approval, and, if he should object, then require a vote of four members of the Water Board to make a final affirmative decision. The Mayor may at present refuse to sign the bonds issued by the Water Board, but such refusal would, in most cases, occur after a debt had been created, and would be a very unpleasant course to take.

The published "Corporation Ordinance of New York, revised 1859," page 137, in Art. 2d, Sec. 7, provides that "No new works connected with the Croton Aqueduct shall be constructed, nor shall any mains or pipes be purchased or laid down or new sewers constructed, except with the authority of the Common Council." And, with the single further exception, "that in case of any unexpected casualty or damage," &c.

The New York Common Council reserves exclusively to itself the decision of all questions involving the creation of new debts; while here, with a water debt far greater, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, the Common Council is *never consulted*, though equally liable.

But my remarks under this head have far exceeded the limits intended, and I would say in conclusion, that if your honorable body desires to make a change, and make the water board what it was originally intended to be, and really ought to be, a subordinate branch of the city government, I shall be glad to furnish further reasons and suggestions to any committee you may appoint, or refer the matter to, for the preparation of a legislative act.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In this department the city has been called upon to mourn the loss of a most valuable public officer, Edward D. Reily, Chief of Police. Death found him in the midst of usefulness, just rising to the prime of life, but he still lives in the public memory.

His virtues as a man, and his integrity as a public servant, his warm kind heart, open hand and unassuming ways, had greatly won upon us all.

The department now consists of but 38 men, including chief and aids, and is entirely inadequate for the growing wants of the city. The whole of the present force is needed for night service, and there should be an additional force equal to the number required for day duty in the streets.

The police force of New York City, as shown in the last report, was 2,016 men, being more than two men to every thousand inhabitants, while here with a population much more scattered and less easily protected, we have but one man to each thousand inhabitants, including a detective, station house officer, chief, &c., and in New York there are numerous private watchmen and insurance police in addition, that are always on hand at fires and disturbances. Our force is not only small but is poorly paid. None but first class men should be appointed, and the pay should be such as to enable the department to get them.

Some arrangement should be made by which there should be a perfect understanding and harmony of powers among the police of Jersey City, Hoboken and Hudson City; and it may be well to enquire into the expediency of a general police



department to embrace certain portions of Hudson county this side of the Hackensack river, including the cities named. Such a course will soon be a necessity. Another detective officer is greatly needed. We have now but one, and besides making many important arrests, he has rendered great service both to our own and the traveling public about the railroad stations. He has caused to be collected fines enough, I am informed, to pay the whole amount of his salary.

#### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The value and efficiency of this department has never yet been properly recognized. It may with truth be said, that no class of people have rendered the public such valuable service as the firemen; and when it is remembered that such service is entirely voluntary, and that the only compensation they have ever received for protecting our lives and property, has been the consciousness that they have discharged a noble duty, the public can hardly excuse itself for the abuse it has been customary to heap upon them. When the fire bell has struck the alarm on a cold winter night, citizens have remained in their beds with a feeling of security, saying to themselves, "The firemen will put it out."

The firemen *do* put out the fires, and it is done so quickly, and with such certainty, that such citizens are not aware of the hardships often experienced, on these cold stormy nights. The same people are too apt afterwards to forget that feeling of security, and to declare that the fire department is almost a useless expense.

By the action of the late common council a steam fire engine is being prepared for Engine Company No. 1, in place of the engine ruined at the railroad crossing at Greene street, and it will be necessary for you to provide for its proper management. For a knowledge of the present condition and wants of the department, you are referred to the report of the chief engineer, herewith laid before you, under whose efficient management the department has attained its present perfection.

We are liable at any moment to a destructive conflagration, in which the best efforts of the firemen will be almost useless. I refer to the establishments for the refining and storing of kerosene oil, and other dangerous compounds. They should be entirely excluded from the city limits, and it is hoped that action will be taken on this subject at once.

#### STREET NAMES AND NUMBERS.

A perfect system of numbers for lots and buildings should be adopted, and the number placed on a conspicuous part of every building not already correctly numbered, and the names of the streets should be plainly exhibited on each corner. The present wretched attempt at exhibiting the names of the streets on the corner lamps is a disgrace to any civilized community. The names should be plainly painted upon the glass, and the whole work should be so neatly and clearly done that it would do credit to your good taste, and enable citizens and strangers to find their way without difficulty.

#### PUBLIC DOCKS.

By an act of the legislature, approved March 12, 1863, the common council is granted "power to pass, alter and repeal ordinances to build and construct wharves, docks and piers, which may adjoin the present or future termination of any of the streets within the limits of said city, and which may be flowed with tide water, and to control, regulate and govern the same, and have the proceeds therefrom deposited in the city treasury for the benefit of the city, and to purchase or hold such land, whether covered by tide water or otherwise, or the rights of the owners of the shore therein as they may deem for the interests of

the city, in order to have constructed and built (when in their judgment the public necessities may require the same) wharves, docks and piers, and to control, regulate and govern the same, &c.," and bonds are authorized to be issued for that purpose not exceeding \$50,000.

In my judgment the public necessities now require one or more public docks, with well paved streets leading to them, and no time should be lost in exercising the powers granted in the act above quoted from.

The only dock now open to the public is known as the Paterson dock at the foot of Wayne street, and is only accessible by passing along Hudson street between the railroad stations, or down Wayne street from Greene street. That part of Wayne street is not paved and is almost impassible for loaded teams after a heavy rain, and the passage by Hudson street is entirely stopped much of the time by trains drilling across the whole street for a quarter of an hour at a time. Jersey City possesses natural advantages for trade and commerce unsurpassed by any city in the Union, and if the proper spirit had been manifested by the owners of the water front, would have been covered with manufacturing establishments. Warehouses would have lined the front, and docks and wharves half a mile in extent, would have been crowded with vessels, to receive the products of the great north-west seeking a market. Bergen hill would have been covered all over with a dense population, second only in numbers and wealth to the great metropolis on the opposite side of the river. But Jersey City fell into evil hands at an early day. She is hedged round about, cut up and run over by the great monopolies; her commercial facilities cut off; her natural energies crushed; her public spirit smothered; her growth retarded; the very air she breathes as a city being dealt out to her in small quantities by one or other of these gorged institutions that have no souls, and no eye for anything that does not fill up and protect their own plethoric purses.

But, from the force of circumstances, and notwithstanding these institutions have so long taken to themselves the food that should have given life and strength to the city, I believe we are strong enough, and the public necessities have now become so pressing, that your honorable body should interfere, and use all the power you possess in the premises.

For details and statistics, relating to all the different departments of the City government, you are respectfully referred to the various reports of public officers, some of which have not yet been received.

#### A PUBLIC HALL.

There is no longer a doubt of the necessity of a public hall. There is at the present time no convenient and desirable place open to the public, where popular lectures can be delivered, and innocent amusement can be afforded to our people. Some portion of such a building should be devoted to the use of a popular library, where young men could gather together evenings, and cultivate, by reading and conversation, habits of taste and refinement. The value of such a hall can hardly be estimated.

#### PUBLIC GROUNDS.

Our parks are badly cared for; and, instead of being places ornamental and attractive, and really of value to the city, they are in such a state of neglect and ruin as rather to drive strangers from than attract them to Jersey City as a place of residence. The only exception is the Square at the Washington and Grand street crossing, and that, although enclosed at an enormous expense, is kept locked, entirely excluding the public, and rendering it little more than private grounds

attached to the adjacent dwellings. There is no public ground in Jersey City where there could be a military parade, a popular gathering of the people upon holidays or other occasions, nor where fireworks or other public displays could be made. Such a place should be provided, and the necessary preliminary steps should be taken at once. The longer it is put off of course the more it will cost.

#### SOLDIERS AND BOUNTIES.

A report should be prepared and published, of the doings of the different enlistment and bounty committees, showing how many soldiers have been sent from here to aid in preserving the life of the government, under what calls of the President, and the amount paid for bounties and other purposes, under the direction of those committees. The quota of this city, under the last and all former calls for additional troops, was supposed, from the best information that could be procured by our worthy ex-major, Mr. Romar, to have been entirely filled, and great satisfaction was everywhere expressed that the reputation for promptness and patriotism Jersey City has acquired at Trenton, during the terrible war in which we are now engaged, had been so fully sustained. But within a few days it has been ascertained that a mistake had been made in the calculation, and that there are yet due from Jersey City 237 men.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of your honorable body to enlist that number, if possible, before the draft now ordered shall take place here, have taken the matter in hand in earnest, and it is to be hoped the whole number will be procured.

Love of country is acknowledged to be among the tenderest emotions that move the human heart, and that Jersey City is second to no locality in the Union in that respect, is evinced by the extraordinary support given to every undertaking having for its object the benefit of soldiers and sailors, and the care of their families. Our soldier's relief associations have been untiring in their efforts, and the members of the ladies' relief society, started at the very commencement of the war, have devoted an amount of time and labor to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers, that the public can never fully appreciate.

One of the members, now no more, who was known as a very angel upon earth, it is greatly feared, ruined her health by over anxiety and labor in that field of usefulness.

There is a wide spread determination in this city and State to assist the general government in its hour of trial by every means in our power; not with a tardy hesitating hand, but promptly and manfully. This determination arises from no selfish motives, and cannot be monopolized, directed, or controlled, by any class or party. It is the result of pure and enthusiastic love of country; the wise provisions of its constitution; its form of government, and all the blessings it has so abundantly shed abroad during three quarters of a century.

Deep down in the innermost recesses of warm New Jersey hearts, there is a feeling that this Union is to be preserved; that victory is to be ours sooner or later, and it may come while you are listening to the reading of these words; the pulse of the people is beating high in hope and expectation, and God grant it may come, and that peace will soon again turn toward us, with a smile upon her countenance that shall never fade.

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board took a recess of ten minutes.

The annual report of the chief of police was presented, received and laid upon the table.

The report of the recorder for the quarter end-

ing April 30, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of Joseph Van Doren, gauger and inspector of domestic liquids for the quarter ending May 1, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A communication from the board of assessors of Jersey City in reference to supply of necessary books, blank notices, &c., was presented and referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

A communication from the board of water commissioners requesting cancelment of sale of lots 8 and 10 Newark avenue in block 137 erroneously returned, and sold for water rents of 1862, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The official bonds of James O'Rourke and Dennis Farrell, as constables, referred to the corporation attorney, April 26, 1864, were reported back by that officer as drawn in legal form.

The bonds were referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the corporation attorney advising the referring to the appropriate committee all matters connected with the assessment imposed for opening Montgomery street, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Provost street, from Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Second street, including intersections.

The report was received and ordered filed.

A communication from E. Olcott, jr., M. D., City Physician, calling the attention of the common council to a nuisance existing on Essex street, between Washington and Warren streets, consisting of hog pens, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Public Health, with power.

The petition of E Hope, jr., and others, for improvement of south side of Railroad avenue, &c., referred to the corporation attorney, on the 8d instant, was reported back by that officer as drawn in legal form.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A certificate, dated May 10, 1864, of Isaac B. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of Prospect street, from the north line of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A statement of the Board of Capvassers of the result of the recent election in the Fire Department was presented, received, and the election of the following named persons (being those named in said statement) was approved, and unanimously confirmed.

Chief Engineer, Samuel C. McLaughlin.

Assistant Engineer, First District, John Egan.

Assistant Engineer, Second District, William W. Knight.

Assistant Engineer, Third District, James W. McCarthy.

Assistant Engineer, Fourth District, Thomas W. Tilden.

Fire Commissioner, James F. Fielder.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, enclosing returns of the following election in, and resignation from, said Department, confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Election of John Severs, by Engine Co. No. 1.

Resignation of John J. Devlin, from Hose Co. No. 3.

The communications were received, and the ac-



tion of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

The following communication was presented from the Board of Education, and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, That the common council concur in the action of the Board of Education in increasing the salaries of the female teachers in the public schools.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City :*

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on the 9th inst., to take action upon a petition from the female principals and assistant teachers in our public schools, for an increase of salaries,

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in consideration of the enhanced cost of all the necessities of life, the salaries now paid to the female teachers of our public schools are not adequate to furnish them a respectable support, and it is highly proper that they should be moderately increased.

Resolved, the mayor and common council concurring, That their salaries shall be in conformity with the following schedule, the increased rates to commence on the 1st inst.

#### MALE DEPARTMENT.

1st assist., present rate \$400 per annum, to be \$500	
2d " " 250 " " 350	
3d " " 225 " " 300	
4th " " 200 " " 250	

#### FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Principal, present rate \$450 per annum, to be \$550	
1st assist., " 350 " " 450	
2d " " 250 " " 350	
3d " " 225 " " 300	
4th " " 200 " " 250	

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Principal, present rate \$450 per annum, to be \$550	
1st assist., " 300 " " 400	
2d " " 250 " " 350	
3d " " 225 " " 300	
4th " " 200 " " 250	
5th " gallery " 200 " " 250	
Ass'ts N. & S. wings No. 2, 250 " " 350	

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk Board of Education.

Jersey City, May 10, 1864.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to North Second street recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the assessment for the regulation and improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Second street including intersections (sand grading, paving, bridging, curb and gutter, flagging, &c.) be confirmed.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent Aldermen Decker, Drake, and Finck.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to North Second street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance

in favor of Daniel W. Culver, for seven hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-three cents, for balance due on his contract for the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Second street including intersections; and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance in favor of Hugh Keenan, for two hundred and six dollars and ninety four cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to North Second street, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance in favor of Levi W. Post, for fifty six dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of his bill for making surveys, calculations, &c., for the regulation of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Second street including intersections, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle and Finck.

The Committee on Ferries and Wharves to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the petition of P. H. Zabriskie for permission to build a dock and extend a pier from his lots, corner of Bergen and Putnam streets, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by an opinion of the corporation attorney, that it would be impolitic and unwise to grant the prayer of the petition until a license for the purpose asked for has been procured from the board of chosen freeholders, &c., and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Ferries and Wharves to whom was referred, on the 3d instant, the communication of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, suggesting the expediency of causing a map to be made of survey of shore line around Jersey City, &c., presented an adverse report thereon, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented favorable reports on the bonds referred to them, on the 3d instant, of John Fallon and Patrick Warren as constables, the following resolutions accompanying the reports :

Resolved, That the official bond of John Fallon as constable, executed by him as principal, and by Peter Curley and Charles McCann as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Patrick Warren as constable, executed by him as principal, and b Patrick Rielly and Cornelius V. Traphagen as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Th reports were received, and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, on the 3d inst., the official bond of Walter Van Derzee, as constable, presented an adverse report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the official bond of Walter Van Derzee, as constable, be not approved, but be re-

turned to him, the same not being drawn in legal form.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred this evening the petition of George McLaughlin for cancellation of sale, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cancel of record the sale made July 26, 1849, to George McLaughlin, of lot 13 (Assessment Map No. 30) Newark avenue, in block 47, assessed to S. A. French, and sold for \$88 81, for assessment for sewerage, regulating, &c., we being satisfied that said sale is paid and discharged.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred this evening the petition of Solomon Wescott, for a declaration of sale, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That upon the surrender of the receipt by Solomon Wescott, assignee of Charles H. Voorhis, of the sale of lot number twelve [12], Railroad avenue, in block number forty-seven [47], made June 16, 1859, for unpaid taxes of 1858, that a declaration of sale from the mayor and common council be made to the said Solomon Wescott, assignee of said Charles H. Voorhis, in the usual way and that the mayor is requested to sign said declaration of sale and fix the seal of the city thereto, and that the city clerk attest the same. And

Resolved, further, That upon the payment by Solomon Wescott, aforesaid, of the principal and interest due the city on the sale made to the city treasurer on the 28th day of March, 1861, of lot No. 30 [or 13], assessment map, and 31 [or 11] Newark avenue, in block 47, for water rents of 1859, the said city treasurer is hereby authorized to assign said sale and the declaration or certificate thereof to the said Solomon Wescott, and that said mayor and common council do issue to the said Solomon Wescott, assignee of said city treasurer, a declaration of sale for said lot, and that the mayor of the city be requested to sign said declaration of sale and affix the seal of the city thereto, and the clerk of the city attest the same.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the certificate dated April 26, 1864,

Of I. B. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of Prospect street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, to William Keeney and John R. Halladay, two-seven per cent. bonds, of the sum of five hundred dollars each, said bonds to be issued on account of their contract for the improvement of Prospect street, from the north line of Pavia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, and drawn payable in five years from their date, with interest semi-annually.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Earle.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of Andrew Clancey, jr., \$40; J. W. Harrison, \$16 05, and Hughes & Piaget, \$13 75.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of F. A. Hampson, \$15 75, and Hughes and Piaget, \$3 68.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of John Geraghty, \$108 54.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, it was

Resolved, That the special committee appointed by the late board to investigate the books and affairs of the board of water commissioners be continued in the present board, and the same aldermen be continued as the committee.

Resolutions were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Gaddis—

Whereas, Jehn Huyler, Isaac Van Wagoner and Thomas Aldridge, commissioners appointed by the supreme court of New Jersey, have filed their report with the city clerk, by which it appears that they have awarded to Elizabeth H. Durant, wife of Charles F. Durant, the petitioners for a reassessment of the value of land and damages, by reason of the opening of a street from where Montgomery street intersects Warren street, to where Montgomery street intersects Van Vorst and Gregory streets, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the value of said land and damages, which award is in excess of the award of the commissioners appointed by this common council, the sum of eleven thousand two hundred and sixty-four dollars;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and they are hereby instructed to borrow on the most advantageous terms, the said sum of eleven thousand two hundred and sixty-four dollars, being the excess in the preamble to this resolution mentioned for the payment to said Elizabeth H. Durant, wife of said Charles F. Durant, of the balance of the award aforesaid, in anticipation of the collection of the amount which will be settled by the common council, and assessed for said improvement, and that the bonds of the city be issued therefor to run for the space of one year, and that the mayor and city clerk be authorized to execute said bonds according to law under the corporate seal of the city.

Sec. 2d. And whereas, There is an existing mortgage on said land of Elizabeth H. Durant aforesaid, given by her and her said husband to Jonathan J. Durant, constituting an incumbrance thereon.

Therefore be it resolved, That on the payment of said amount of eleven thousand two hundred and sixty four dollars into the city treasury, the treasurer of this city be, and he is hereby instructed to pay the same into the court of chancery of this State to abide such order as may be made in relation thereto by the chancellor of this State on application for that purpose.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

By Alderman Ege:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and buildings be, and they are hereby, authorized to employ two men to put in order, guard and take care of Hamilton Square and Van Vorst Square, who shall be subject to the control of the said Committee, at an expense not to ex-



ceed three hundred dollars each; provided, that the moneys appropriated to this purpose shall be deemed and taken as a portion of the appropriation to be made to said committee when the tax ordinance for the present year shall go into effect; and that said committee be further authorized to cause the fences around Van Vorst and Hamilton squares to be repaired at an expense not to exceed three hundred dollars, and that the expense incurred be subject to the proviso above mentioned.

Alderman Gafney moved

That the resolution be laid on the table for one week.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Ege and Terry:

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Gafney, Lennon and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

The resolution was then adopted.

By Alderman Gafney and unanimously adopted—Whereas, Other counties, cities and townships in our State are paying a bounty of four hundred dollars to recruits; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to enable us to place ourselves on as favorable a footing as other localities, Jersey City will pay four hundred dollars bounty to each volunteer to the extent of our quota under the last call.

By Alderman Quaife—

Whereas, Our city pays a large proportion of the State and county tax, based upon the calculation that the polls all pay, which we consider a wrong basis, and which has to be reassessed every year upon the property in our city; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to furnish to this board at its next meeting a statement of the amount of poll tax assessed last year, and the proportion collected, so that some remedy may be applied or suggested.

The preamble and resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Nafew and Quaife:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Ege, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

By Alderman Quaife, and adopted:

Resolved, That three several warrants be drawn for the sums of seventy dollars each, payable to the orders of John Huyler, Isaac Van Waggonen and Thomas Aldridge, respectively, Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to review the value of land and damages, awarded by the original commissioners, to Elizabeth H. Durant, wife of Charles F. Durant, for the opening of a street, from where Montgomery street intersects Warren street to where said street intersects Van Vorst and Gregory streets, in pursuance of their report, filed with the City Clerk, on May 3d, 1864, awarding the sum of two hundred and ten dollars for their compensation, to be made to them in equal parts, and that said warrants be executed

according to the provisions of the city charter, and delivered to the orders of said John Huyler, Isaac Van Waggonen and Thomas Aldridge, respectively, by the City Clerk.

By Alderman Quaife and adopted—

Resolved, That the matters connected with the opening of Montgomery street, from where said street intersects Warren street to where Montgomery street intersects Van Vorst and Gregory streets be referred to the Committee on Assessments, to the end that they report to this board the proportions to be assessed on each lot or parcel of land designated on the original assessment map, and the cost and expenses of making said improvement, and that said committee be and they are hereby authorized to obtain the assistance of some competent city surveyor to assist them in the duties rendered incumbent upon them by this resolution.

By Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be authorized to advertise for proposals to sweep and clean the streets of Jersey City during the present municipal year.

On motion of Alderman McBride the resolution was laid upon the table for one week.

By Alderman Lennon and adopted:

Resolved, That South Seventh street, from its intersection with Newark avenue, be lighted with gas, unto the corner of Brunswick street; and that the Committee on lamps be authorized to have the pipes laid before the street is paved.

By Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the city clerk be authorized to have three hundred copies of the mayor's message, with the accompanying documents, printed by the corporation printer.

Alderman Quaife moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized to advertise for two or three days, in the corporation paper, for proposals for a contract to print, in pamphlet form, three hundred copies of Mayor's annual message and reports of city officers.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Gafney and Pangborn.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

Pending the consideration of the resolution, as amended, Alderman McBride moved that the board do now adjourn.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen McBride, Nafew and Edge.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Finck.

Whereupon the President declared the board adjourned.

CEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, May 17, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Alderman Decker was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 10th inst. were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Official bonds of John D. Nolan, as Street Commissioner, with William Coleman and Thomas Gross as sureties; George W. Cassidy, as City Clerk, with Alexander H. Wallis and Jacob R. Wortendyke as sureties; Samuel C. McLaughlin, as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department with Francis Jenkins and Benjamin F. Woolsey as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Frederick Porrett to have sale made July 26, 1849, of lot 4, Newark avenue, in block 46, for sewerage and regulating Newark avenue, cancelled of record, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Peter McElroy for a junk shop license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of W. W. Van Cleef and others, for abatement of a nuisance on south side of Montgomery street, between Henderson and Grove streets caused by vacant lots covered with stagnant water, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Health with power.

Petition of Theodore B. Varick and others, for abatement of nuisance existing on lots 172, 177, 178, 179, 186, 181, 182, and 183, in block 207, Bacot's city map, covered with stagnant water, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Communication from Townsend V. Roe, by S. B. Ransom, attorney, claiming one hundred and fifty dollars damages by reason of his horse falling into a hole in South First street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Levi W. Post to be reappointed a city surveyor.

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz—

Of Andrew Clancey, Jr., \$40 00; Nathaniel Ellis, \$42 06; John Geraghty, \$108 54; F. A. Hampson, \$15 75; J. W. Harrison, \$16 05; S. M. Hoffman, \$42 75; Hughes & Piaget, \$3 68 and \$13 75; G & J. C. Laurence, \$23 50; Mitchell & Flannelly, \$5 50; B. F. Snow, \$72 32 and \$105 45.

A claim of Julia Good for \$6, for nursing child from Alms House, was presented, referred to the Committee on Alms, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the report of the committee on the same, and said claim was reported correct, and ordered paid.

#### OFFICERS COMMUNICATIONS.

The annual report of John Crow, Pound Master, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

A communication from D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, asking permission to take from the files in the City Clerk's office, from time to time, the schedule map and papers of the opening of Montgomery street, he having been employed by the Committee on Assessments in settling the costs and expenses of said improvement, was presented, received, and,

on motion of alderman McBride, the permission asked for was ordered to be granted to Mr. Culver, on his giving proper receipts for the papers.

A petition from the Board of Assessors for an increase of compensation, &c., was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

The petition of David Bedford and others, for improvement of a portion of South Eighth street, &c., referred to the Corporation Attorney on the 10th instant, was reported back by that officer as drawn in legal form, &c.

The report was received, and the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The petition of J. H. Hopken and others, for improvement of Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Gregory street, referred to the Corporation Attorney on the 10th inst., was reported back by that officer as drawn in legal form.

The report was received, and the petition referred to the Committee on Streets.

The city clerk laid before the board a notice of dangerous nuisance served upon him this 17th inst., at half-past five o'clock P. M., by C. F. Durant.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the paper was ordered to be returned to Mr. Durant with a copy of the 23d rule of order.

The city clerk laid before the board a taxed bill of costs in the matter of the petition of E. H. and C. F. Durant for reassessment of damages for opening Montgomery street, amounting to \$17 80 served upon him by J. Weart, attorney, and the same was referred to the corporation attorney.

A certificate of the comptroller of amount collected by the city on account of water rents and sewers, and standing to the credit of the board of water commissioners on the books in his office, &c., was presented, received, and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the board of water commissioners for the sum of four thousand and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents, being amount collected by the city on account of water rents and sewers, and standing to the credit of said board as appears by the certificate of the comptroller presented this evening.

A communication from the board of fire commissioners announcing the election of Frederica P. Budden as clerk of said board was presented, received, and the election of said clerk was unanimously confirmed.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the Fire Department, enclosing returns of the following elections in, and resignations from, said department, confirmed by the Fire Commissioners:

Elections of Edward S. Brown and Henry A. Halsey by Engine Co. No. 5; W. D. Clarke, Leonard J. Gordon and John B. Oltman, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Resignations of Charles H. O'Neil, Samuel A. Hopkins, Charles M. Hankins, from Engine Co. No. 5; A. B. Falkenberg from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on Licenses presented favored reports on the applications referred to them on the 10th inst., of the following named parties for licenses to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to John Concklin, on his paying the license fees re-



quired by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Samuel Meek, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Edward Gilleland, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented a favorable report on the application referred to them on the 10th inst, of John Devine, for a junk shop license, the following resolution accompanying the report :

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No 201 Newark avenue, in the Sixth ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to John Devine, on his paying the license fee required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of the following named parties for public porters' licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports :

Resolved, That a license as a public porter be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Peter Connell, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license as a public porter be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Michael Walsh, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred on the 10th inst., the petition of William Perry for transfer of an inn and tavern license, presented an adverse report thereon, setting forth "that by the express provisions of the ordinance, no license shall entitle any person to keep an inn and tavern in any other place than that designated in such license."

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report on the petition referred to them on the 10th inst., of Abraham Collard and others, for the construction of receiving basins and culverts on southeast and southwest corners of Monmouth and South Seventh streets, &c., recommending that the petition be referred to the board of water commissioners with a request that they furnish the estimate and description required by law.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred on the 10th inst., the certificate dated May 10, 1864, Of I. B. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of Prospect street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, to William Keeney and John R. Halladay, four-seven per cent. bonds, of the sum of five hundred dollars each, said bonds to be issued on account of their contract for the improvement of Prospect street, from the north line of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, and drawn payable in five years from their date, with interest semi-annually.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Earle.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Of G. Russ Cary, \$11 69.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of E. Hope, jr., \$5.

Referred to Committee on Alms

Of J. W. Harrison, \$18 83, and Peter Lynch, \$3 36.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., \$12 50.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., \$6 22.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of James S. Noyes, \$100.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of E. Hope, jr., \$5 25.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of William Conner, \$22; Michael Killeen, \$27 50; James McDermott, \$11 25, and John Ryan, \$18.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Pangborn moved

That the report and following resolution of the Committee on Fire and Water presented April 5, 1864, in reference to slushing hose, &c., be taken from the table :

Resolved, That all resolutions heretofore passed authorizing or requiring the Committee on Fire and Water to have the hose used by the fire department repaired and slushed at the almshouse be rescinded for the reason that such repairing and slushing cannot be done at the almshouse, and that the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to have hose slushed and repaired wherever they can have the same done at the most reasonable rates and in the most proper manner.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Pangborn:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge, Gafney, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

(Alderman Decker appeared and took his seat.)

The resolution was lost by the following vote,

the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Quaife and Terry.

Yeas—Aldermen Edge, Gafney Hough and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Earle and adopted.

Resolved, That the joint committee on public grounds and buildings and schools be, and they are hereby requested to report at their earliest convenience a suitable location in the 5th ward for a public school, and the price for which the same can be obtained.

By Alderman Quaife.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be requested to advertise in the corporation paper for two days, for proposals for printing 300 copies of the mayor's message with accompanying documents in pamphlet form, the same to be done in the office of those proposing.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew Quaife and Gafney:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

By Alderman Drake, and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health be authorized and requested to ascertain and report at the next meeting of the Board, a proper locality in which to rent a public pound in the upper district, composed of the 2d, 4th and 5th wards, and upon what terms the same can be rented.

By Alderman Finck, and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health be instructed to ascertain and report to this Board, at as early a date as possible, the location of all places in Jersey City, with the names of the proprietors thereof, where resin oil, coal oil, kerosene oil, or other articles dangerous in causing or promoting fires, or injurious to health, are stored or kept, and the quantity in each such locality.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted—

Resolved, That Henderson street, between the south side of Grand street and the Morris Canal, be put in a condition passable for vehicles by the Street Committee, at an expense not to exceed fifteen dollars.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted—

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Marshall Ellis for fifty-one dollars, to defray the expenses of the Common Council in attending the funeral of E. D. Reily, late chief of police.

By Alderman Gafney—

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be requested to have three hundred copies of the Mayor's Message, with the accompanying documents, printed in pamphlet form by the corporation printer.

Alderman Earle moved

That the resolution be laid upon the table for one week.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Ege and Terry.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

Alderman Terry moved that the resolution be amended so as to read

That the Committee on Printing and Stationery advertise for two days for proposals for a contract.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Drake and Ege.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Pangborn.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Terry, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the board, viz.:

"An ordinance to prohibit the running of Dummy Engines or other steam cars on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey City."

On motion of Alderman Hough the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, May 24, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Alderman Quaife was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, and Terry.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 17th inst. were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of William Drum for deduction of assessment for regulating Provost street, on a lot belonging to him, said lot being assessed as of full size the lot being only 25x70 feet.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Petition of John Purcell into have refunded fifteen dollars paid by him into the city treasury to defray the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Provost street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Official bonds of J. V. Hardenbergh as Comptroller, with B. W. Ryder and Delos E. Culver, as sureties; Walter Van Derzee, as Constable, with William Harney and N. D. Taylor, as sureties, Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Keeney & Halladay, to have coupon bonds issued in exchange for city bonds, held by them.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of William Findlaw, for repair of stoop injured by fire apparatus, &c.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Communication of John F. Kennard & Co., asking that a committee be appointed to examine their fire alarm and police telegraph with a view to its introduction into Jersey City.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water and Police.

Petition of Michael Walsh and others licensed public porters for sundry amendments to public porters ordinance.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petitions of John Brogan and Catherine Cassidy for junk shop licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petitions of Michael Kilroy and William Allen for licenses to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of G. Ross Cary, \$11 69; William Conner, \$22; R. B. Earle & Co., \$12 50; J. W. Harrison, \$18 88; E. Hope, jr., \$5; Michael Killeen, \$27 50; Peter Lynch, \$3 36; James McDermott, \$11 25, and John Kyan, \$18.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from his honor the mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, May 24th, 1864. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council.

It is not possible at this moment to give you the exact number of volunteers that have been accepted and credited to Jersey City on the last quota assigned, but from the best information I can obtain the deficiency may be estimated at less than 100. I have the assurance of the Provost Marshal General of the State, that all men actually mustered in on or before the 23d inst. will be credit-

ed and deducted from the number drawn, although the returns may not be made to him for three or four days after, and upon that assurance men are still being paid in Trenton that were mustered in yesterday.

I would suggest to your honorable body the propriety of continuing the bounty to all persons drafted if they elect to go into the service; but those who do not wish to serve, and yet are declared liable after due examination, should receive the same protection other citizens have received at your hands, and substitutes should be procured for them, or, failing in that, the commutation money should be paid by the city. As the Government needs men more than the money, every effort should be made to procure the substitutes. Had three or four days more been granted to us the whole quota would have been filled.

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The actual deficiency, as stated by telegraph, just received from Trenton, will be only about 75 men.

O. CLEVELAND.

Mayor.

The communication was received and laid upon the table until "miscellaneous business."

The following communication was presented from his honor the mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, May 24, 1864. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

By an act of the legislature passed May 11, 1861, the State allows to the families of such persons as have been or shall be mustered into the service of the State, or of the United States, certain amounts therein specified to be paid monthly.

In incorporated cities and boroughs the law directs that "the said payments shall be made under the direction of the corporate authorities thereof," &c., and further directs that "the treasurer of this State shall pay to the treasurer of such city or borough the amount of such bills, &c. In this city Mr. Van Vorst, at that time our mayor, volunteered his services with commendable patriotism, to disburse the amounts received from the State under that law. Mr. Romar continued as mayor afterwards to disburse said monies voluntarily, but the labor required in making those payments has increased to such an extent, that it becomes necessary for the corporate authorities, as provided in the law above quoted from, to appoint some suitable person to make such payments to the families of soldiers, and provide a fair remuneration for such service. I am informed by the governor that in other cities, persons are so appointed and paid. I would suggest that some officer already in the employ of the city, and who has given bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties would be a suitable appointment to make, and perhaps the collector of city revenue would be more accessible during all business hours than any other officer.

ORESTES CLEVELAND,

The communication was laid upon the table.

A communication from the board of water commissioners requesting cancellation of sale of certain lots erroneously returned and sold for water rents, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The corporation attorney, to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the taxed bill of costs in the matter of the petition of E. H. Durant and others, presented a report thereon approving the same, and setting forth that the charter states that the bill should be paid.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Decker it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Jacob Weart, attorney, for seventeen dollars and eighty cents, being the



amount of taxed bill of costs in the matter of the petition of E. H. Durant and C. F. Durant for the reassessment of damages for opening Montgomery street.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance presented favorable reports on the following described official bonds heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That the official bond of Samuel C. McLaughlin, as chief engineer of the fire department of Jersey City, executed by him as principal, and by Francis Jenkins and Benjamin F. Woolsey as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Dennis Farrell, as constable of Second ward, Jersey City, executed by him as principal, and by James Lynch and John Kennedy as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Jas. O'Rourke as constable, executed by him as principal, and by Thomas Brophy and Michael O'Rourke as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Richard D. McClelland, as corporation attorney executed by him as principal, and by Michael McKone and Samuel M. Hoffman as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of George W. Cassidy as city clerk executed by him as principal, and by Jacob R. Wortendyke and Alexander H. Wallis as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Peter D. Vroom as city treasurer executed by him as principal, and by J. D. Miller and David Gould as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of William Whitley as overseer of the poor executed by him as principal, and by R. B. Kashow and S. M. Hoffman as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of John B. Haight as collector of revenue executed by him as principal, and by John Van Vorst and Ephraim Pray as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Michael McKone as gauger and inspector of domestic liquors executed by him as principal, and James Keary and Patrick Rielly as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of William H. Smith as inspector and sealer of weights and measures executed by him as principal, and by James McLaughlin and Japhet Jardine as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that the said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Joseph Van Doren as city gauger and inspector of domestic liquors executed by him as principal, and by Jas. A. Williamson and Wm. Thomas Poole as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the comptroller's office.

The reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the official bond of John D. Nolan as street commissioner, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the bond is not legally executed, &c., the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That the official bond of John D. Nolan, as street commissioner, executed by him as principal and by William Coleman and Thomas

Gross as sureties, be not accepted, and that said bond be returned to said John D. Nolan.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lamps reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have the street lamps and posts repaired at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Lawrence Toner and others, cartmen of Jersey City, for amendments to the cart ordinance, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, submitting the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to license and regulate carts and the drivers thereof in Jersey City."

The report was received and the ordinance laid upon the table, and ordered printed on slips for the use of the board.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of the following named parties for junk shop licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 345 South Eighth street, in the Sixth ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Peter McElroy, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at corner of South Seventh and Brunswick streets, in the Sixth ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Catharine O'Shaughnessy on her paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, Quaife and Terry.

(Alderman Quaife appeared and took his seat.)

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections to whom was referred, May 17, 1864, the communication from the board of assessors asking for extra compensation, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on laws and ordinances be requested to report to this board whether the common council has the power to allow to the assessors "extra compensation for extra labor" caused by the passage of the law, by the last legislature, in relation to taxes.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on streets who have under consideration the petition referred to them, May 17, 1864, of David Bedford and others, for improvement of a portion of South Eighth street, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing:

Resolved, That Friday, June 17, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the common council, May 10, 1864, of David Bedford and others, to have the roadway of South Eighth street,

from the easterly side of Brunswick street to the westerly side of Newark avenue, including intersections, filled to the established grade and paved with cobble stones, the curb reset, gutters relaid, and where required the sidewalks refilled to the established grade, and flagging repaired at its present width, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, who have under consideration the petition referred to them May 17, 1864, of J. H. Hopken and others for improvement of Montgomery street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing:

Resolved, That Friday, June 17th, 1864, at 8 o'clock p.m., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the common council May 10, 1864, of John H. Hopken and others, to have Montgomery street from the south side of Newark avenue to the north side of Gregory street including intersections, in the Second ward of Jersey City improved by filling the same to the established grade, flagging the side walks full width, curbing the same and paving the road way of said street with Belgian paving, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, who have under consideration the petition referred to them May 10th, 1864, of E. Hope, Jr., and others for improvement of the south side of Railroad avenue, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Friday, June 17th, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the common council May 3d, 1864, of Edward Hope, jr., and others, to have Railroad avenue, from Warren street to Prospect street, filled to the established grade, the roadway paved with cobble stones, gutters laid, curb set and the sidewalks flagged full width, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above time and place for a hearing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of G S Riker & Co., \$3.

Referred to Special Committee on examination of Water Commissioners' books, &c.

Of P H Nugent, \$9 50.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Latimer Brothers and Seymour, \$275.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J W Harrison, \$13 88, and Hughes & Piaget, \$11 75.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of P H Nugent, \$6 53, and Patrick Warren, \$2. Referred to Committee on Police.

Of H A Green, \$2, and George S Riker & Co., \$18.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of John Longstaff, \$93 46.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of Thomas Doherty, \$29 70.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Of John Coar, \$343 63.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the communication received this evening from his honor the mayor in reference to the deficiency of the quota of Jersey City was taken from the table, for consideration.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Pangborn:

Resolved, That the Enlistment Committee of the common council be authorized to continue the payment of \_\_\_\_\_ to any person who may be actually mustered into the military service of the United States, as principal or substitute under the late draft to fill the quota of Jersey City.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the blank in the resolution was filled with the words "four hundred dollars."

Alderman Hough offered the following resolutions, and moved that they be substituted for Alderman Pangborn's resolution:

Resolved, That this board will pay for each man drafted from this city the commutation money of three hundred dollars [\$300], to the end that such drafted person may be relieved from the operation thereof; or in case such person so drafted shall elect to obey the requirements, that this board will pay to such person so drafted, or any acceptable substitute whom he shall furnish, four hundred dollars [\$400].

And be it further Resolved, That the committee on enlistments be requested to use their best efforts to procure the necessary men to fill the deficiency.

Alderman Earle offered the following to be added as an amendment to Alderman Pangborn's resolution, and the amendment was accepted by Alderman Pangborn.

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized, in case they are unable to procure a sufficient number of substitutes, to pay for each drafted man the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), to the end that they may be relieved from the operation of the draft.

Alderman Hough's motion was adopted by following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Hough, Natow and McBride:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Natow.

Nays—Alderman Earle, Gaddis, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, and Terry.

Alderman Earle offered the following resolutions, and moved that the same be substituted for Alderman Hough's:

Resolved, That the Enlistment Committee be directed to pay to each drafted man who is accepted and willing to enter the U. S. service the sum of four hundred dollars, and said committee are also directed to provide, if possible, a substitute for each drafted man who elects not to enter said service, each of said substitutes to be paid a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments



be authorized, in case they are unable to procure a sufficient number of substitutes, to pay for each drafted man the sum of three hundred dollars, to the end that they may be relieved from the operation of the draft.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Pangborn and Drake:

Yeas—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis and Pangborn.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gainey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Ege and Terry,

The resolutions of Alderman Hough were then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Edge and Nafew.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gainey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Gaddis, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, and Terry.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Friday, May 27, 1864, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennor, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff and Finck.

The call of the meeting was read by the City Clerk, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, May 27, 1864. }

GEO. W. CASSEDDY Esq. City Clerk.

DEAR SIR: You will please issue notices to the different aldermen for a special meeting of the common council to be held in the council chamber at 8 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of making arrangements to attend the funeral of Colonel Zabriskie.

Yours truly,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND,

The following communication from His Honor, the Mayor, was presented and received:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, May 27, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

The sad intelligence of the death of Colonel Zabriskie, of the 9th N. J. V., has cast a shade over the whole community, and you have been called together, in order that suitable arrangements might be made for paying the last tribute of respect to his remains, and in order that you might express, in your official capacity, that sympathy that is everywhere felt for the bereaved family. And yet the bereavement is not alone that of his immediate family and friends; this community, the State of New Jersey, indeed—such were his merits, and such his prospects, blighted by this sad event,—that the whole county is bereaved.

He had passed the bounds of private life, and stood before the public, young in years but mature in the strength of his purpose. A strong will, a brave and noble heart urged him on from the first, and a mind, acknowledged by all who knew him to have been as pure as the snow that falls from heaven, guided all his course.

He was mortally wounded at the head of his regiment during the terrible struggle that is not yet ended, and died in hospital in the presence of his father.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock p.m., tomorrow, 28th, at the Reformed Dutch Church, Grand street.

ORESTES CLEVELAND,

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Gafney:

Whereas, By the fiat of an inscrutable Providence, the young, gallant and estimable Colonel Abram Zabriskie has been summoned from the field of duty whilst nobly engaged in the service of his country. Therefore

Resolved, That this board have heard with the deepest feelings of sorrow and regret of the death of one in whom the citizens of our State, and especially of our city entertained hopes of highest promise and pride.

Resolved, That this dispensation of Divine Providence has filled the whole community with grief and mourning, and is not alone a private but a great public bereavement, that though but twenty-three years of age, he has displayed a character fit to remain an exemplar to the citizens of New Jersey, and of which we are justly proud.

Resolved, That his generosity of disposition, his kindness of heart, his vigor of mind, and his sterling sense of manly deportment entitle him to our highest admiration, whilst his noble and self-sacrificing conduct, in surrendering his young life to the service of his country, has endeared his memory to all acquainted with his name.

Resolved, That history in relating the events of the day in which he lived, will fail to find a braver, purer, or more self-denying spirit, whilst on her brightest page will stand recorded in letters of living light, his age and military rank, and the deeds of heroism which adorned them both.

Resolved, That recognizing the utter nothingness of earthly consolation to his parents and family, except the remembrance of his virtues, we can but commend them to the comforting word of Him "who doeth all things well."

Resolved, That the members of this board will in a body attend the funeral, and that the national flag be displayed at half-mast from the city hall from sun-rise till sun-set on the day thereof.

Alderman Gaddis addressed the Board in eulogy of the deceased.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the Marshal be requested to make the necessary arrangements to enable the Board to attend the funeral of Col. Zabriskie.

On motion of Alderman Edge, the City Clerk was requested to notify the absent members of the Board to meet in the Common Council Chamber on Saturday, the 28th inst., at half past one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, May 31, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quafie and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 24th, 1864, and of the special meeting of May 27th, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Official bond of John D. Nolan as street commissioner with William Coleman and Thomas Gross as sureties with the indorsement thereon of the corporation attorney, that the same is drawn in legal form.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Henry Forbes for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of George McLaughlin and others for the construction of a main sewer in Bay or South Ninth street, from the easterly line of Erie street to Hudson river with lateral sewers, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Remonstrance of Patrick Kelly and others, against the improvement of South 8th street, between Coles and Brunswick street, etc.,

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Cornelius Van Vorst and others to stop the use of steam as a motive power on the tracks laid within the limits of Jersey city for the use of horse cars, etc.,

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz: Of John Coar \$343.63; Thomas Doherty, \$20.70; R. B. Earle & Co., \$6.22; H. A. Greene, \$2.00; J. W. Harrison, \$13.88; E. Hope, Jr., \$5.25; Hughes & Piaget, \$11.75; J. Longstaff, \$93.46; James S. Noyes, \$100.00; P. H. Nugent, \$6.53; O. Connor & Pearson, \$56.10; G. S. Riker & Co., \$18.00, and Patrick Warren, \$2.00.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz: Of Nathaniel Ellis, \$83.33; S. D. Ellis, \$10.59; Mrs. C. Lynch, \$6.00; J. H. Lyon, \$267.17; C. C. Marindale, \$58.33, and J. A. Van Riper, \$16.50.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The report of the City Treasurer for the month of May, 1864, showing a balance due the Treasurer May 31st, 1864, of \$6,954.92, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay in improvement certificates on account of their contract for improvement of Wayne street, from Colgate street to the westerly boundary of the city, was presented, received and referred to Committee on Streets.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, in improvement certificates on account of their contract for improvement of North 1st street, between Prospect and Meadow street, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Clerk presented a report of the names of parties elected to office at the last Charter election who have failed to qualify within the time required by law.

The report was received and laid upon the table.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed May 2, 1864, to draft new rules and regulations for the government of the board, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the rules of the last Common Council, with an amendment to rule 33d, as follows:

"The regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held on every Tuesday evening of each month except July, August, September and October, unless urgent business would require them to meet oftener, in each of which months the meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday evenings."

The report was received and adopted.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred May 24, 1864, the petition of John Purcell to have refunded fifteen dollars paid by him into the City Treasury to defray preliminary expenses on Provost street improvement, presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Purcell for the sum of fifteen dollars, to refund the amount paid by him towards defraying the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to North Second street, in case the same had not been proceeded with, but which he is now entitled to have returned, the assessment for said improvement having been confirmed.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred May 24, 1864, the petition of William Drum for abatement of assessment for Provost street improvement on a lot assessed as of full size, the lot being 25 x 70 feet, &c., presented an adverse report thereon, the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of William Drum asking a rebate in the assessment imposed for the improvement of Provost street from Pavonia avenue to North Second street be denied, inasmuch as he is merely the lessee of said lot and cannot be affected by the said improvement.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the Corporation paper for the length of time required by the City Charter a list of property still unredeemed, sold August 7, 1862, for unpaid taxes of 1861.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported an opinion of the Corporation attorney as to the power of the Common Council to increase the compensation of the assessors, the opinion setting forth "that the Common Council have no power to make the extra compensation."

The report was received and the opinion ordered filed.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of John Brogan and Catherine Cassidy, for junk shop licenses the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 364 South 7th street, in the Sixth ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to John Brogan, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at



No. 17 Coles street, in the Sixth ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Catherine Cassidy, on her paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of the following named parties for licenses to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Michael Kilroy, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to William Allen, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the petition of W. W. Van Cleef and others, for abatement of nuisance existing on vacant lots fronting on Montgomery street, etc., presented a favorable report thereon, accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That notices be served by the Street Commissioner on the owner or agent of the owner of lots 76, 75, 73, 72, 71, 70, 69, in block 200, Bacot's city map, fronting on Montgomery street, to fill the same to the depth of three feet, within the space of fifteen days after service of a copy of such notice, which said notice shall further notify such owner or his or her agent that in case he or she refuse or neglect so to do within the time aforesaid, this Common Council do hereby order the same to be done under the direction of the Committee on Streets, and that the expense of such filling in such case of neglect or refusal shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as of other improvements provided for by the fifty-second section of the charter or the supplements touching the same, and be it further

Resolved, That in case no owner or agent of the lots heretofore described can be found in Jersey city to be served with the notices aforesaid, the said Common Council do hereby order that a copy of this resolution be published in the corporation paper, the AMERICAN STANDARD, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the communication from Alexander Hamilton for abatement of nuisance existing on vacant lots fronting on Morgan street used as a skating pond, presented a report thereon setting forth that the nuisance complained of has been abated, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Public Health to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the petition of T. R. Varick and others, for abatement of nuisance existing on certain vacant lots in block No. 207, Bacot's city map, &c., presented a report thereon accompanied by the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Application has been made to this board to have lots known on map of Jersey City, Hudson county, New Jersey, made by R. C. Bacot, city surveyor, as lots No. 172, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 in block 207, filled for the depth of three feet, and fenced along the street whereon the same front, the same having been for a long time covered with stagnant water; therefore,

Resolved, That notice be served by the street commissioner on the owner or owners, agent or agents of such owner or owners of lots known on the map described in the above preamble, as lots numbered one hundred and seventy-two [172], one hundred and seventy-seven [177], one hundred and seventy-eight [178], one hundred and seventy-nine [179], one hundred and eighty [180], one hundred and eighty-one [181], one hundred and eighty-two [182], and one hundred and eighty-three [183] in block two hundred and seven [207], to fill the said lots to the depth of three feet, and fence the same on the streets whereon the same front, within the space of thirty days, after service of a copy of such notice upon them. Which said notice shall further notify such owner or owners, or his, her or their agents, that in case he or she refuse or neglect to so fill or fence as aforesaid within the time aforesaid, this common council do hereby order the same to be done, under the direction of the committee on streets, and that the expense of such filling and fencing in such case of neglect or refusal, shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as of other improvements provided for by the fifty-second section of the charter or the supplements thereto touching the same.

Resolved, That in case no owner or owners or agent or agents of such owner or owners of the lots or any of them hereinbefore described can be found in Jersey City, to be served with the notice aforesaid, the said common council do hereby order that a copy of the above preamble and these resolutions be published in the corporation paper, the AMERICAN STANDARD, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections reported the following entitled ordinance, viz.:

"An Ordinance fixing salaries."

The report was received and the ordinance laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the board.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Taylor's Hotel, \$99 50.

Referred to Special Committee on Governor Parker's lecture.

Of Drayton and Durant, \$124 21. Samuel Hetherington, \$1 00, and Hugh Reilly, \$24 03.

Referred to Committee on Alms

Of J. W. Harrison, \$27 50; Samuel Hetherington, \$8 60.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. C. Curren, \$103 25.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.  
Of Nathaniel Ellis, \$47 43, and Samuel Hetherington, \$80 75.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of W. H. Horton, \$26 00.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Keeney and Halladay, \$2,429 79; D. E. Culver, \$79 00; William Conner, \$34 00; Michael Killeen, \$42 50; James McDonald, \$13 50, and John Ryan, \$18 00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Hough:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July, and that five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated, said amount to be provided for in the tax ordinance.

The resolution was adopted, and Aldermen Hough, Gafney and Nafew were appointed the committee.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Drake, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board do now proceed to the appointment of a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments in the place of Henry Finck, who is rendered ineligible by reason of his position as a member of the Common Council.

William C. Traphagen was nominated by Alderman Finck.

On motion of Alderman Edge the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, to enable the Board to make the appointment *viva voce*. Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Finck, William C. Traphagen was *viva voce* unanimously appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Earle, received and laid upon the table, viz.: "An ordinance to prohibit the destruction or molestation of birds within the limits of Jersey City."

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Whereas in December last the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City invited the Board of Enrolment to sit in this city to hear excuses for exemptions, and whereas the said Board of Enrolment did meet in this city three days, out of courtesy to this board, and no provision was made for the said Board of Enrolment, and the said Board of Enrolment was provided for by our late esteemed fellow-citizen, S. A. French, and the bill for the articles has not been paid for, but is due to Michael Smith, the whole sum being seventeen dollars. Therefore,

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the wife of said S. A. French on the city treasurer for the sum of nine dollars (\$9), and a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Michael Smith for the balance, being eight dollars (\$8), in payment for the same in full.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted.

Resolved, That to enable the Committee on Streets to prepare a proper specification for the sweeping and cleaning the streets of Jersey City by contract during the present municipal year, the aldermen of the different wards be requested to furnish the Committee on Streets with a list of such streets in their respective wards as may require sweeping once a week, once in two weeks, or once a month, &c.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for fifty dollars in favor of Mrs. Scol-

lan, an aged poor woman, who fell into one of C. F. Durant's cellars near the corner of Warren street, and thereby received such severe injuries as to confine her to bed for several weeks under medical treatment, the said Mrs. Scolan being entirely depending upon the charity of neighbors for house room and necessary attendance, not having any family or home of her own.

On motion of Alderman Edge the resolution was referred to a special committee of three, to report to the Board.

Aldermen Edge, McBride and Gafney were appointed the committee.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the following entitled ordinance presented May 24, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to license and regulate carts and the drivers thereof in Jersey city."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Ege:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to have the house of Hose Company No. 3 repaired.

Alderman Earle moved to amend the resolution by adding "at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars."

The motion was lost.

Alderman Gafney moved that the resolution be amended so as to read—

"That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to employ a competent person at an expense not exceeding ten dollars to ascertain what it will cost to repair said hose house."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Nafew and Drake:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Nafew and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Finck, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Edge, the resolution was amended by striking out the words "Fire and Water" and inserting "Public Grounds and Buildings."

Alderman Edge moved to amend the resolution as amended by adding "at a cost not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars."

The motion was lost.

The resolution as amended was adopted, and as passed is as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to have the house of Hose Company number three repaired.

On motion of Alderman Decker, the board proceeded to the appointment of a weigher and measurer to fill the vacancy caused by the omission of Joseph McManus to qualify within the time required by the city charter.

Joseph McManus was nominated by Alderman Decker, and on motion of Alderman Earle, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended, and Joseph McManus was *viva voce* unanimously appointed weigher and measurer.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of ten thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes of the current year, payable 20th December next, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign a City Bond for



that amount, and to affix the seal of the city thereto upon requisition of the Committee on Finance.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the communication presented May 24, 1864, of his honor the Mayor in reference to payment of State pay to families of volunteers, was taken from the table for consideration.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the board proceeded to the appointment of a person to pay the State allowance to the families of soldiers as recommended by his honor the Mayor.

John B. Haight was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

John B. Romar was nominated by Alderman Kane.

Edmund W. Kingsland was nominated by Alderman Quaife.

Three ballotings were had as follows, no choice being effected:

Alderman Quaife and Decker were appointed and acted as tellers.

First balloting—

John B. Haight received six votes.

John B. Romar received four votes.

Edmund W. Kingsland received four votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Second balloting—

John B. Haight received six votes.

John B. Romar received four votes.

Edmund W. Kingsland received four votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Third balloting—

John B. Haight received three votes.

John B. Romar received seven votes.

Edmund W. Kingsland received four votes.

Two blanks were cast.

On motion of Alderman Hough the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, June 7, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 31st 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of the officers of company A, Pavonia Rifle Corps and others, to have a bounty of thirty dollars paid to one hundred day volunteers, &c.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Petition of John Meyer for permission to redeem a lot belonging to him sold to the city treasurer for an unpaid assessment, the time for redemption having expired, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of the members of Engine Co. No. 3, for the purchase by the city of the fire engine used by the company.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Petition of the City Physicians for an increase of their salaries.

Referred to Committee on Salaries Offices and Elections.

Petition of Henry Finck and others, for the construction of a main sewer in Pavonia avenue from the easterly side of Erie street to tide water of the Hudson river with lateral sewers, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William Connor, \$34.00; W. C. Curren, \$103.25; Drayton and Durant, \$124.21; Nathaniel Ellis, \$47.43; J. W. Harrison, \$27.50; Samuel Hetherington, \$8.60 and 75 cents; Michael Killen, \$42.50; James McDonald, \$13.50; P. H. Nugent, \$9.50; Hugh Reilly, \$24.03; Geo. S. Riker & Co, \$3.00, and John Ryan, \$18.00.

Claims of Keeney & Halladay, \$2429.79, and D. E. Culver, \$79.00 for work and materials furnished in the improvement of North First street, from Prospect street to Meadow street, referred to the Committee on Streets May 31, 1864, were reported correct by said Committee.

The reports were received, adopted and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The annual reports of the Comptroller, Board of Education and E. Olcott, jr., City Physician of First Health District, were presented, received, and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form in connection with the Mayor's message.

A report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not burning during the month of May, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners requesting the cancelment of sale of lot 12 Morris street, in block 4, erroneously returned as unpaid, and sold for water rents of 1860 was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor, the Mayor, June 4, 1864, of the ordinance passed May 31, 1864, entitled "An ordinance to license and regulate carts and the drivers thereof in Jersey city."

The report was received and ordered filed.

A certificate of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, of the amount due Daniel W. Culver in improve-

ment certificates on account of his contract for improvement of South 7th street, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A communication from the board of assessors for an appropriation to enable them to employ additional help to assess stocks, bonds, &c., and serving notices, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following requisition was presented from the board of education:

JERSEY CITY, June 7, 1864.

To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the board of education held on the 6th inst., it was resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been taken, that requisition be made upon the common council for the payment of the following claims:

Barnes & Burr, for books, &c., School No. 2.	\$158.42
Charles A. Hillyer, taking census of children	60.00
John McGuigan, repairs of furnaces	23.01
P. N. Horsley, for black boards	6.00

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk of Board of Education.

The requisition was received and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the board of education, and for the amounts respectively named.

A return of expulsion of Berlin Brown from Engine Company No. 5, confirmed by the fire commissioners, was presented, received, and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was laid upon the table.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed by request of the board of water commissioners contained in their communication presented February 16, 1864, to examine the books, affairs, &c., of said board, presented a report thereon.

The report was received and accepted.

Alderman Terry moved that the report be printed in all the newspapers of this city.

Alderman Earle moved that the consideration of Alderman Terry's motion be postponed for one week.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Alderman Ege, Terry and Gaddis:

Yea—Alderman Earle.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

Alderman McBride moved to amend Alderman Terry's motion so as to read

"That two hundred copies of the report of the special committee on examination of books, &c., of board of water commissioners be printed in pamphlet form under the direction of the Committee on Printing and Stationery for the use of the members of the board."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Alderman Nafew, Edge and McBride:

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

Alderman Terry's motion as amended was adopted.



The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer for the sum of fifty dollars in favor of Mr. Isaac S. Miller, for services rendered in the examination of the books of the water commissioners.

#### REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings and Schools, who were requested by resolution passed May 17, 1864, to report a suitable location in the Fifth ward for a public school house, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings and Schools are hereby instructed to purchase for the use of the city, of William A. Durrie, four lots of ground situated in the Fifth ward designated on Bacot's map as Nos. 27, 28, 29 and 30 South 1st street, in block 214 for the sum of seven thousand four hundred dollars, the said lots or a portion of them to be used for the erection thereon of a public school house, and that in payment of the purchase money therefor, coupon bonds of the city be issued by the mayor and city clerk under the corporate seal of the city, on the requisition of the Committee on Finance payable in twenty years from their date with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, and be delivered to the owner of said lots after the corporation attorney shall have found the title thereto to be perfect, and on the delivery of a warranty deed for the same.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nawef, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake and Finck.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the communication from the Board of Water Commissioners requesting cancellation of sale, etc., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made April 9th, 1864, for water rents of 1862 of lots 8 and 10, (street No.) Newark avenue, in block 137, city map, assessed to Charles F. Durant, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said water rents were paid at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, and erroneously returned by the said Board as unpaid; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the purchasers, D. W., I. B., J. W. and D. E. Culver, for the purchase money paid by them, with interest thereon, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to them on their surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declarations of sale of said lots.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred May 24, 1864, the communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, requesting cancellation of sale, etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sale made April 3, 1863, for water rents of 1861, of lots 73 and 75; York street, in block 134, assessed to estate of Marinus, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said water rents were paid at the office of the Water Commissioners, and erroneously returned by the said Board as unpaid; and that a

warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the purchaser, Charles H. Voorhis, for the purchase money paid by him, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, from the date of said sale and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancellation the declarations of sale of said lots.

Resolved, That the sale made April 9, 1864, for water rents of 1862, of lot 81, Morris street, in block 131, assessed to Patrick Farrell, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said water rents were paid at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, and erroneously returned by the said Board as unpaid; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the purchaser, Peter N. Horsley, for the purchase money paid by him, with interest thereon, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancellation the declaration of sale of said lot.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the petition of Frederick Porrett, for cancellation of sale, etc., presented a report thereon accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale heretofore made to John Arbuckle of lot known on assessment map as lot No. 4, in block 46, on the 26th July, 1849, for sewerage and regulation of Newark avenue, which lot then belonged to Frederick Porrett, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, satisfactory evidence having been adduced to this Board that no lease was ever issued thereon and that the amount due on said sale has been paid by the then owner.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented favorable reports on the following described official bonds heretofore referred to them of the following persons the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

Resolved, That the official bond of John D. Nolan, as Street Commissioner, executed by him as principal, and by William Coleman and Thomas Gross, as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Jacques V. Hardenbergh, as Comptroller, executed by him as principal, and by Barzillai W. Ryder and Delos E. Culver as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Walter Van Derzee, as Constable in Fourth Ward, Jersey city, executed by him as principal, and by William Harney and Noah D. Taylor as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Licenses reported back as not drawn in conformity with the ordinance, the petition presented May 31, 1864, of Henry Forbes for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Public Health to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Thomas Cudbirth and others, for abatement of nuisance, &c, presented a report thereon accompanied by the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Application has been made to this board to have lots known on map of Jersey City, made by R. C. Bacot, city surveyor, as lots number 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 Brunswick street, and 25, 26, 27 and 28 South Third street, in block No. 387, filled in to a proper depth, the same

having been for a long time covered with stagnant water; therefore

Resolved, That notice be served by the street commissioner on the owner or owners, agent or agents of such owner or owners of lots known on the map described in the above preamble as lots numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 Brunswick street and Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 28 South Third street, in block No. 387, to fill the said lots to the depth of eighteen inches, within the space of thirty days after service of a copy of such notice upon them. Which said notice shall further notify such owner or owners or his, her or their agents, that in case he or she refuse or neglect to so fill as aforesaid within the time aforesaid, this common council do hereby order the same to be done, under the direction of the committee on streets, and that the expense of such filling in such case of neglect or refusal, shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as of other improvements provided for by the fifty-second section of the charter or the supplements thereto touching the same.

Resolved, That in case no owner or owners or agent or agents of such owner or owners of the lots hereinbefore described can be found in Jersey City, to be served with the notice aforesaid, the said common council do hereby order that a copy of the above preamble and these resolutions be published in the corporation paper, THE AMERICAN STANDARD, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred May 31, 1864, the petition of George McLaughlin and others, for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending that the petition be referred to the board of water commissioners with a request that they furnish the estimate and description required by law.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred May 31, 1864, the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of North 1st street, &c., reported the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Messrs Keeney & Halladay for one thousand six hundred dollars, on account of their contract for work and materials in the improvement of North 1st street from Meadow street to Prospect street, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred May 31, 1864, the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of Wayne street, reported the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be

issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Messrs Keeney & Halladay for the sum of four thousand dollars, on account of their contract for work and materials in the improvement of Wayne street from Colgate street to the westerly boundary of the city, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of H. & G. Soule, \$113.

Referred to Special Committee on Emblems.

Of Matthew Erwin, \$125 25, and Ward & McGown, \$180 40.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of T. R. Benwell, \$12.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of John Anness, \$37 96; N. H. DeNyse, \$6 25;

Peter Doyle, \$38 75; Thomas Howe, \$39 84, and Hughes & Piaget, \$30.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, \$63 05.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of James McLaughlin, \$569.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Cear, \$323 22; I. B. Culver, \$168 60; Hugh Keenan, \$167 25; Keeney & Halladay, \$13,664 41 and \$33 16; Michael Killeen, \$15; James McLaughlin, \$13 13; William Moore, \$103 50, and Patrick Tormey, \$7 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Gaddis, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the board, viz:

"An ordinance for the assessment of an annual tax for the year ending May 1st, 1865, exclusive of poll tax."

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Hough:

Resolved, That Jno. B. Haight be selected to make the payments to the families of volunteers under the provisions of the act of the legislature approved May 11th, 1861, entitled "An act for the relief of such portion of the militia of the State as may be called into service," and the supplements thereto, and that he be allowed for his services at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum.

Alderman McBride moved to amend the resolution by striking out the name "John B. Haight," and inserting "John B. Romar."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Gaddis and McBride:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Gaddis, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, Nafew, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Ege and Quaife:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, Nafew and Terry.



Nays—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Gaddis, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Alderman Decker,

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes of the current year payable 20th December, 1864, and that upon a requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and city clerk be requested to sign a city bond for the sum named, payable December 20, 1864, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, and that the corporate seal of the city be affixed to said bond.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafaey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Decker.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the appropriation made March 22, 1864, for the payment of bounties to volunteers to fill the quota of Jersey City, as shall remain unexpended be, and is hereby appropriated for the purposes named in the resolution passed May 24, 1864.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the Committee on Enlistments for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to enable said committee to carry out the instructions contained in the resolutions passed by this board May 24, 1864.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Ege and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to have trees planted in Hamilton Square where they may deem it necessary, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars, amount to be taken from the unexpended appropriation of last year for the improvement of said square.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, June 14, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Ege and Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 7th, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of Peter Gordon, collector of arrears of taxes for 1861, for cancellation of sale of lot 80, Steuben street, in block 50, erroneously returned as unpaid and sold for taxes of 1861, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Co., for permission to redeem certain lots sold to the city treasurer for unpaid assessments, the time for redemption having expired.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of G. E. Winants, to have cancelled sales of certain property belonging to him sold for taxes of 1855 and 1856, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of John H. Hopken and others, for a main sewer in Montgomery street, from Henderson street to the Hudson river, with lateral sewers, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Remonstrance of Edward Coles and others, against the construction of main sewer in Pavonia avenue, with laterals, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Remonstrance of C. V. Traphagen and others, against the construction of a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, from Erie street to the Hudson river, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petition of A. H. Leonard and others, to have the carriage way of York street, between Van Vorst and Gregory streets, cleared of carts, wagons and other vehicles.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Assignment of James Ford, of a portion of his contract for improvement of South Eighth street to Keeney and Halladay, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of the American Telegraph Company for permission to set telegraph poles along Hudson street, between the Morris Canal and Exchange Place, for the purpose of carrying their wires from said canal to their office, 26 Exchange Place.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted under the direction of the Committee on Streets.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Anness, \$37 46; N. H. De Nyse, \$6 25; Peter Doyle, \$38 75; Matthew Erwin, \$125 25; Samuel Hetherington, \$1; W. H. Horton, \$26; Thomas Howe, \$39 84; Hughes & Piaget, \$30; J. F. Richardson, \$63 05; H. and G. Soule, \$113, and Ward & McGown, \$180 40.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from his honor the mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 14th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, June 14, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return herewith, without my approval, a reso-

lution of your honorable body passed on the 7th inst., directing a warrant to be drawn in favor of Isaac S. Miller, for the sum of fifty dollars, for services rendered in the examination of the books of the Water Commissioners.

The special committee appointed to discharge that duty procured the passage of a resolution by your honorable body, at the meeting held March 8th last, which was presented to the then mayor March 11th, but not acted on by him, and which went into effect March 22d, without his signature. That resolution authorized the expenditure of twenty-five dollars for assistance in aid of the committee, and no more.

But if the services rendered in aid of the committee had been really valuable services and had been worth the amount of fifty dollars, I should not have objected to the payment, under all the circumstances, the common council having approved of the expenditure by a unanimous vote. I think, however, that the vote was given without reflection, and I am forced to that conclusion by the remarks of the chairman of that committee, made at the time he asked for the passage of the resolution now returned. He stated that "Mr. Miller had been employed seven or eight evenings, and at least one whole day."

Fifty dollars would give five dollars for each evening and ten dollars for the one day, which you will readily perceive is entirely too much for the service rendered. If Mr. Miller was employed only seven evenings, then the case is still worse.

I am, very respectfully, your ob't. servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was laid upon the table, subsequently taken up, and Alderman Pangborn moved,

That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor.

The motion was lost; the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Finck, Kane, Lennon, Pangborn, Quaife, Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge, Gafney, Hough, McBride, and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, and Gaddis.

The following communication from his honor the mayor, was presented, received, and on motion of Alderman Gafney laid upon the table until "miscellaneous business."

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, June 14, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

It is well understood that there will be a new call made by the president for volunteers, and failing to get them, a draft will be ordered, and in view of this fact, I respectfully suggest that authority be given to the enlistment committee to commence recruiting at once, in order that we may avoid another draft in Jersey City, and that the committee be authorized to offer such bounty as they may deem necessary from time to time, not exceeding \$450. If the committee find that recruits can be procured at less bounty than the sum named, of course it will be done, but I suggest that the power to pay that sum be granted.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due in cash, to John J. Hill, on account of his contract for improvement of Greene street from Steuben to Harimus street, was presented, received and referred to Committee on Streets.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee to whom was referred, May 31, 1864, the following resolution, presented



a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of said resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for fifty dollars, in favor of Mrs. Scollan, an aged poor woman, who fell into one of C. F. Durant's cellars, near the corner of Warren street, and thereby received such severe injuries as to confine her to bed for several weeks under medical treatment, the said Mrs. Scollan being entirely depending upon the charity of neighbors for houseroom and necessary attendance, not having any family or home of her own.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Gafney, Chairman of Committee on Enlistments, returned the petition referred to said Committee June 7, 1864, of Pavonia Rifle Company and others, for a bounty of thirty dollars to one hundred day volunteers.

The petition was laid upon the table.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the communication from Mayor Romar enclosing charges against Policeman Devine, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Committee have decided upon investigation that the charges were not substantiated, the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be discharged from further consideration of the matter relating to charges against Policeman Devine.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the communication from Mayor Romar, announcing the suspension from pay of Policeman Maxwell presented a report thereon, setting forth that upon investigation they find that the charges are not of sufficient importance to demand a penalty, the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That Policeman Maxwell be allowed his salary during the time in which he was suspended from pay by his honor the mayor, and that he be fully reinstated in his position from this date.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the petition of Martin Ward for services as policeman during the disturbance at the Monitor yard in May, 1863, presented an adverse report thereon, setting forth that the said Martin Ward was doing duty as chance policeman during the time the extra service was rendered, and therefore should not receive extra compensation more than other policemen who performed the same extra duty, &c., the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the petition of Martin Ward be not granted.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the petition of Policeman O'Donnell, to be allowed compensation for time lost by reason of injuries received, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That officer John O'Donnell be allowed nine days pay, that being the time he was unable to perform duty, owing to injuries received while in the discharge of his duty.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the petition of Patrick Meehan and others for police protection for the Fifth Ward, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Committee conferred with his honor the mayor and altered the beats so as to place an extra po-

liceman for Pavonia avenue and the ferry, &c., the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be relieved from further consideration of the matter contained in the petition of Patrick Meehan and others asking for police protection in the Fifth Ward.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of the members of the Police Department for an increase of salaries, presented a report thereon recommending that the salaries of patrolmen be raised to \$800, and the salaries of aids to \$850 per annum, &c.

The report was received, and on motion of Ald. Earle ordered to lie upon the table until the consideration of the salary ordinance.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred June 7, 1864, the petition of Henry Finck and others, for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue from Erie street to the Hudson river, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending that the petition be referred to the board of water commissioners with a request that they furnish the estimate and description required by law.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred April 19, 1864, the proposals of Keeney & Halladay and John J. Hill for contract to improve Greene street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that they awarded the contract to John J. Hill, he being the lower of said bidders, and that contracts have been executed and the work is now in progress.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred March 15, 1864, the proposal of Keeney & Halladay for improvement of North First street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that contracts have been executed, and the work is now in progress.

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of Julia Good, \$6.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Peter Doyle, \$20; Thomas Farley, \$5 35, and J. W. Harrison, \$12 50.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. J. Hadden, \$12.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of Wm. Conner, \$24; James Flynn \$14 25; John Hogan, \$6 75; Keeney & Halladay, \$69 87; Michael Killeen, \$15; James McDonald, \$18, and John Ryan, \$18.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be instructed to add the following explanatory note to the report of the special committee on investigation of the affairs of the water commissioners.

NOTE.—On the 14th of March, 1864, and after the special committee had passed the examination of matters relating to bonds, the legislature authorized an issue of \$200,000 additional bonds, making the aggregate \$1,475,000, instead of \$1,275,000 as appears in the foregoing report.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nalew:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow for a period not to exceed six months, the sum of two thousand dollars, to pay the monthly allowance of the State to the families of volunteers, and on the requisition

of said committee the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to issue city bonds under the corporate seal of the city to the party or parties from whom the said money shall be borrowed at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum, and that when said moneys shall be borrowed a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of John B. Haight, the agent for the payment of said allowance for the said sum of two thousand dollars, the same to be appropriated by him to said monthly payments to the families of volunteers.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege and Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the communication received this evening from his honor the mayor in reference to recruiting volunteers, &c., was taken from the table for consideration.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That the Enlistment Committee of this common Council be authorized to recruit volunteers in anticipation of a future call for troops by the president of the United States, and that said committee be authorized to offer such bounty as they may deem necessary not to exceed four hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Terry the following entitled ordinance presented May 17, 1884, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

“An ordinance to prohibit the running of dummy engines or other steam cars on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey City.

The ordinance was amended and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff,

Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, and Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Kane the following entitled ordinance presented May 31, 1884, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

“An ordinance fixing salaries.”

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

The ordinance was amended.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the further consideration of the ordinance was ordered to be postponed until the next regular meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of J. J. Hill, for two thousand dollars, being for work and materials in the improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Harsimus street.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Quaife:

Whereas, The poor of our city can be supported at one-half the present cost by sending them to the county farm and almshouse, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be requested to make arrangements with the Committee on County farm and Almshouse of the board of chosen freeholders to have the city poor transferred at once to said county farm

Alderman Hough moved that the consideration of the preamble and resolution be postponed for one week.

The motion was lost.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Marshal Ellis for forty one dollars and fifty cents to defray the expenses incurred by the common council in attending the funeral of Col. Zabriskie.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, June 21st, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gafney.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 14th, inst. were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of B. F. Woolsey to have refunded interest paid in redemption of lot sold for taxes of 1856, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of William Allen and others for the passage of an ordinance creating an Inspector of Tobacco, and defining his duties, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Communication from Andrew Nolan and others, complaining of encroachments by the tracks of the Horse Railroad Company on their property fronting on Grand Street.

Referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Jacob Van Sweet for abatement of nuisance existing on vacant lots No. 171, Morgan Street, and No. 21, Prospect Street, said two lots being covered with stagnant water, filth, &c.

On motion of Alderman Drake the petition was referred to the Committee on Public Health with power.

Petition of E. W. Hinman for permission to gauge and inspect oils in Jersey City.

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of T R Benwell, \$12; John Coar, \$323.22; Wm. Connor, \$24; Peter Doyle, \$20; Thomas Farley, \$5.35; James Flynn, \$14.25; W J Hadden, \$12; J W Harrison, \$12.50; John Hogan, \$6.75; Michl Killeen, \$15 and \$16; James McDonald, \$18; James McLaughlin, \$18.13; John Ryan \$18 and Patrick Tormy, \$7.50.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of S D Ellis, \$7.75 and C A & C H Whitney, \$54.88.

Claims of Keeney & Halladay, \$13,664.41; I B Culver, \$168.60; Hugh Keenan, \$167.25; referred to the Committee on Streets, June 7, 1864, and of Keeney & Halladay, \$169.87, referred to the Committee on Streets, June 14, 1864, all for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to North 7th street; and claim of William Moore, \$103.50, for superintending the improvement of North First street between Prospect street and Meadow street, referred to Committee on Streets, June 7, 1864, were reported correct by said committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

A claim of Keeney & Halladay, \$83.16, for work and materials in the improvement of Prospect street, &c., referred to the Committee on Streets June 7, 1864, was reported back by said committee as not correct, and that a new claim has been presented.

The report was received and adopted.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication from his Honor

the Mayor was presented, received, and laid upon the table until "miscellaneous business":

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,  
JERSEY CITY, June 21, 1864. }

#### Gentlemen of the Common Council:

In order further to facilitate the procuring of men to be credited to Jersey City by the Government against a future draft, I recommend that you authorize the Committee on Enlistments to pay a bounty of \$490 to any substitute enlisted for three years in place of a citizen of Jersey City, such citizen being liable to draft.

Such a course will have the effect of making every citizen a recruiting agent, and it is believed will enable us to raise men enough to avoid the draft under a call for 300,000 men, which it is expected will soon be made.

Very respectfully,  
Your ob't serv't.

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The City Clerk laid before the Board a communication received by him from Charles J. Roe, Clerk of the city of Hudson, enclosing a certified copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the Common Council of said city June 15, 1864, in reference to the opening of a road from Hoboken avenue, in said city, to the lize at or opposite North 2d street, in Jersey City.

The communication was received, and, on motion of Alderman Gaddis, the preamble and resolutions were referred to a special committee of three.

Aldermen Gaddis, Earle and McBride were appointed the committee.

A certificate of F. J. Mallory, city surveyor, of amount due Daniel W. Culver in improvement certificates, on account of his contract for improvement of South 7th street, &c., was presented, received and referred to Committee on Streets.

A communication from the board of water commissioners in reference to the building of culverts and receiving basins on the southeast and south west corners of Monmouth and South 7th streets as petitioned for by A Collard and others, May 10, 1864, was presented, received and with the petition referred to the Committee on Sewers.

A certificate of the comptroller of amount collected by the city on account of water rents and sewers and standing to the credit of the board of water commissioners on the books in his office, was presented, received and on motion of Alderman Earle it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the board of water commissioners for the sum of five hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty-one cents, being amount collected by the city on account of water rents and sewers and standing to the credit of said board as appears by the certificate of the comptroller received this evening.

The city clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor the mayor, on the 17th inst., of the ordinance passed June 14, 1864, entitled an ordinance to prohibit the running of dummy engines or other steam cars on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey City.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application for improvement of the south side of Railroad avenue, from Warren street to Prospect street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application for improvement of Montgomery street, from Newark avenue to Gregory street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application for improvement of South



8th street, from Brunswick street to Monmouth street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred, June 7, 1864, the petition of the Board of Assessors, for an appropriation to enable them to employ additional help, &c., presented a report thereon accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Assessors of Jersey City are hereby authorized to employ an Assistant during the present year, at a salary not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, and that provision be made in the salary ordinance for the payment of said salary.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred, May 24, 1864, the petition of Keeney & Halladay, to have Coupon Bonds issued in exchange for City Bonds held by them, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That upon the requisition of the Committee on Finance nine Coupon Bonds for one thousand dollars each be issued to Messrs. William Keeney and John R. Halladay, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to execute the same under the Corporate Seal of the City, and that the same be countersigned by the City Treasurer and Comptroller ; said bonds to be issued in exchange for City Bonds, Nos. 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238 and 239 ; said City Bonds being in the sum of five hundred dollars each, and to be delivered to the City Treasurer in exchange for the Coupon Bonds hereby authorized ; said Coupon Bonds to bear even date with the City Bonds referred to above, and to be payable in five years with interest at seven per cent. per annum.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Earle.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gafney.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred, June 14, 1864, the petition of Peter Gordon, Collector of arrears of taxes of 1861, for cancellation of sale, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sale made August 7, 1862, for taxes of 1861, of lot 80 Steuben Street, in block 50 Smiths' Map, assessed to C. J. Smith, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said taxes were collected by Peter Gordon, Collector of arrears of taxes for 1861, and by him paid into the City Treasury, and the lot above named erroneously returned as unpaid and sold ; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the purchaser, Charles H. Voorhis, for the purchase money paid by him (\$3.57) with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declaration of sale of said lot.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred June 7, 1864, the communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, requesting cancellation of sale, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sale made February 7, 1862, for water rents of 1860, of lot 12, Morris street, in

block 4, assessed to John Creech, be cancelled of record by the city clerk, for the reason that the said water rents were paid at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners and erroneously returned by said Board as unpaid ; and that a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the purchaser, Daniel W. Culver, for the purchase money paid by him with interest thereon, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, from the date said sale, and delivered to him on his surrendering to the city clerk for cancelling, the declaration of sale of said lot.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred June 7, 1864, the petition of John Meyer, for permission to redeem a lot sold to the city treasurer more than two years ago, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to John Meyer to redeem from the sale made to the city treasurer, November 23, 1861, for assessment for regulating Brunswick street, lot No. 32, in block 2, provided the redemption be made in the same manner and upon the same terms as though the time for redemption had not expired.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, June 14, 1864, the petition of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, for permission to redeem lots sold to the city treasurer more than two years ago, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company to redeem lots 23 and 24 Steuben street, in block 55, from the sale made to the city treasurer February 21, 1861, for \$210.10, for assessment for regulating Steuben street between Washington and Prospect streets ; and also to redeem lot 70 Wayne street, and 72 Wayne street, in block 35, from the sale made to the city treasurer, February 7, 1862, for \$136.62, for assessment for building the Wayne street, Newark and Railroad avenue sewer with laterals ; provided the redemption be made in the same manner and upon the same terms as though the time for redemption had not expired.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of the surveyors of Hudson county for establishment of rates of compensation for services, &c., presented a report thereon, submitting the following entitled ordinance, viz. :

"An ordinance defining the duties and fixing the compensation of city surveyors."

The report was received and the ordinance laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the board.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred June 14, 1864, the petition of J. H. Hopken and others, for a main sewer in Montgomery street from Henderson street to the Hudson River, presented a report thereon, recommending that the petition be referred to the board of water commissioners with a request that they furnish the estimate and description required by law.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported back as disposed of by resolution passed at last meeting, the certificate referred to said committee June 14, 1864, of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due John J. Hill on account of contract for improvement of Greene street, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the petition of John H. Hopken and others, for improvement of Montgomery street, from Gregory street to Newark avenue, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, submitting the following entitled ordinance, the report recommending that the ordinance be laid upon the table, and printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling to the established grade, flagging the sidewalks full width, curbing the same, and paving the roadway with Belgian paving, Montgomery street, from the south side of Newark avenue, to the North side of Gregory street, including intersections."

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Edward Hope, Junior, and others, for improvement of south side of Railroad avenue, from Warren street to Prospect street, presented a favorable report thereon, submitting the following entitled ordinance, the report recommending that the ordinance be laid upon the table and printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in and paving the roadway of the south side of Railroad avenue, between the west line of Warren street and the east line of Prospect street, guttering, curbing, and flagging the same on the south side."

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented a report submitting three sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to improve Provost Street from North Third Street to North Seventh Street, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from John J. Hill, Kesney & Halladay, and James S. Noyes, accompanied by a bond.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That the three proposals, reported at this meeting by the Committee on Streets, opened and read, for the contract to improve Provost St. from a point distant from the south side of North 3rd street sixteen feet, to the north side of North Seventh Street, including intersections, be referred to the Committee on Streets, with authority to enter into a contract with the lowest of said bidders, provided the said Committee deem it to the interests of the city so to do; and that on the requisition of said Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the Corporation Attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee

on Streets, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

On motion of Alderman Earle the resolution was amended by adding "provided that the payments shall be made in improvement certificates."

The resolution as amended was adopted:

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of H. B. Claffin & Co., \$169 55.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of P. D. Vroom, \$9 88.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of B. F. Woolsey, \$38 22.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Edward Caulfield, \$23 35, John Eltringham, \$40 00, and Thomas McCullough, \$40 00.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Coar, \$349 25, Daniel W. Culver, \$1639 78, James McDermott, \$11 50, William Moore, \$52 50, Hugh Murphy, \$10 00, and James Sweeney, \$15 00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Terry moved, That the board do now proceed to the appointment of a chief of police to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Edward D. Reily.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Terry, Drake and Quaife:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Lennon, McBride, Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, and Gafney.

Charles O. Stivers was nominated by Alderman Hough, Patrick Jordan was nominated by Alderman Edge, Thomas E. Tilden was nominated by Alderman Earle.

Twenty-eight ballotings were had, as follows, no choice being effected.

Aldermen Quaife and Earle acted as tellers during the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th ballotings: Aldermen Terry and Edge during the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th; Aldermen Hough and Duff during the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th; and Aldermen Nafew and Kane during the 27th and 28th ballotings.

Between the 22d and 23d ballotings, Alderman Earle moved, That the board do now adjourn.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, McBride and Drake:

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gafney.

Between the 22d and 23d ballotings, Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.



NAMES.			BALLOTS.
	votes.		
Charles O. Stivers.....	5	6	1
Patrick Jordan.....	5	6	2
Thomas E. Tilden.....	5	6	3
Stevenson.....	2	1	4
T. W. Pangborn.....	1	8	5
W. H. Nafew.....	1	8	6
Thomas Duff.....	1	8	7
Henry Finck.....	1	8	8
Mrs. Mack.....	1	8	9
A. A. Gaddis.....	1	8	10
Warren.....	1	8	11
John McBride.....	1	8	12
Isaac Edge.....	1	8	13
W. I. Hough.....	1	8	14
R. K. Terry.....	1	8	15
Corneilus Kane.....	1	8	16
Stephen Quail.....	1	8	17
Patrick Duff.....	1	8	18
Blanks.....	1	8	19
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On motion of Alderman Gaddis, further ballot was ordered to be postponed.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the communication received this evening from his honor the mayor in reference to enlistments was taken from the table for consideration.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Pangborn.

Resolved, That the Committee on enlistments be authorized to pay the sum of four hundred dollars to any person who may furnish a substitute or volunteer for the military service of the United States, said amount payable on satisfactory evidence being furnished to the committee that such substitute or volunteer has been actually mustered into the service, and duly credited to the quota of Jersey City on any future draft; provided, however, that every person furnishing a substitute is himself enrolled and liable to draft under the laws of the federal government.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Edge, Gaddis and Pangborn:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle and Gafney.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel W. Culver, for five hundred and ninety-three dollars, being amount due him on account of his contract for the improvement of South 7th street, from Newark

avenue to Brunswick street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle, and Gafney.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel W. Culver, for five hundred dollars, on account of work and materials in the improvement of South Seventh Street, from Newark Avenue to Brunswick Street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle and Gafney.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Enlistment Committee, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying substitutes and exemption fees.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to employ a clerk at a salary not to exceed six hundred dollars per annum, and that provision be made in the salary ordinance for the payment of said salary.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Terry and Ege.

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gaddis and Hough.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle and Gafney.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Edge, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant on the city treasurer, for nine dollars and twenty-five cents, be drawn in favor of Marshal Ellis, for bill of crape for police department, to attend the funeral of E. D. Reilly.

(Aldermen Drake and Finck obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed June 14, 1864, ordering a warrant drawn on the city treasurer in favor of John J. Hill, for two thousand dollars, for amount due on his contract for improvement of Greene street, be rescinded.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer for the sum of forty-nine dollars, in favor of Isaac S. Miller, being for services rendered in assisting special committee in investigating books of water commissioners.

On motion of Alderman Kane the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Special meeting at the common council chamber, Thursday, June 23, 1864, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry,

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Gafney, Hough, Lennon and Pangborn.

The call of the meeting was read by the city clerk, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, June 22d, 1864. }

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Esq., City Clerk:

DEAR SIR—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Common Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, to-morrow evening, the 23d instant, at 8 o'clock, for the following purposes, viz.:

To take measures to provide monies to meet payments due John J. Hill on his contract for improvement of Greene street.

To consider and pass tax and salary ordinances.

To devise a plan for reduction of enrolment list of Jersey City, by the correction of errors in the said list.

Very respectfully  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following communication from his honor the mayor was presented, received and on motion of Alderman Kane referred to the Committee on Enlistments with power.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, June, 23d, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith transmit a letter received from Capt. Mills, Provost Marshal, asking for a list of persons deceased since June 1st last, between the ages of twenty and forty-five, to enable him to have the enrolment list corrected.

I suggest that the information be furnished, and that in addition to that, your honorable body should appoint suitable persons to make a thorough examination of the enrolment, and report all names of persons not liable to military duty, whether from physical disability, alienage, non-residence, over and under age, and from all other causes, and that the necessary steps be taken to have their names stricken from the enrolment list. If this course be taken, and the duty proper-

ly discharged, the list will be greatly reduced and a corresponding reduction will be made in the quota to be assigned to Jersey City.

A saving may be made in this way perhaps of twenty or twenty-five men, costing at \$400 bounty each, eight or ten thousand dollars—and possibly if the work should be very thoroughly done, a much greater saving may be made.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND,

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time for a period not to exceed six months, monies to the amount of nine thousand dollars in anticipation of the payment of the assessment for the improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Har- simus street, and that on the requisition of said committee an improvement bond or improvement bonds be issued by the mayor and city clerk under the corporate seal of the city to the party or parties from whom said monies shall be borrowed, payable with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, said monies when borrowed to be appropriated to the payment of claims for work and materials done and furnished on said improvement.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, and Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the vote was reconsidered by which was adopted on the 21st inst., the motion rescinding resolution passed on the 14th inst., ordering warrant drawn in favor of John J. Hill for \$2,000, for work and materials furnished in improvement of Greene street.

By consent of the board the motion was then withdrawn.

On motion of Alderman Ege the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, June 23th, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.  
Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennor, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 21st inst., and of the special meeting of the 23rd inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of E. K. Ashmead for a public porter's license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Zeno Secor by George Birkbeck, jr., superintendent, for permission to retain the platform scales in front of his premises at the Fulton foundry in Greene street near the corner of Morgan street.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets with power.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz:

Of Edward Canfield, \$23.35. H. B. Claffin & Co., \$169.55; John Coar, \$349.25; John Eltringham, \$40.00; Julia Good, \$6.00; Thomas McCullough, \$40.00; James McDermott, \$11.50; James McLaughlin, \$564.00; Hugh Murphy, \$10.00; James Sweeney, \$15.00; Taylor's Hotel, \$99.50; P. D. Vroom, \$9.88, and B. F. Woolsey \$38.22.

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred to their appropriate committees. The rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of C. C. Martindale, \$58.33; A. G. Mason, \$48.50 and \$3.00, J. H. Lyon, \$200.00; Mrs. C. Lynch, \$6.00; G. W. Cassidy, \$333.32, and Nathaniel Ellis, \$83.33.

Claims of Daniel W. Culver \$1639.78, and William Moore \$52.50 for work and materials in the improvement of South 7th street from Brunswick street to Newark av., referred to the Committee on Streets, June 21, 1864, were reported correct by said Committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

A claim of F. J. Mallory, \$58.04, for surveys, &c., on South 7th street improvement was presented, received, referred to the Committee on Streets. The rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the report of the committee on the same, and the said claim was reported correct.

The report was received, adopted, and the claim referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, in reference to the condition of the Henderson street sewer, &c., was presented received, and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of the filing in his office by the city treasurer of receipts for awards on Montgomery street opening.

The report was received, and ordered filed.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, dated June 23, 1864, of amount due John J. Hill, on account of his contract, for improvement of Greene street, was presented, received, and the

following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John J. Hill for the sum of one thousand dollars, for amount due on account of his contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Harsimus street, as appears by the certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, dated June 23, 1864, presented this evening.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, dated June 28, 1864, of amount due John J. Hill on account of his contract for improvement of Greene street, was presented, received and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John J. Hill, for the sum of five hundred dollars, being amount due him on his contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Harsimus street, as appears by the Certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, dated June 28, 1864, presented this evening.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, by resolution, the matters connected with the opening of Montgomery street, &c., to the end that the said committee report to the common council the proportions to be assessed on each lot or parcel of land designated on the original assessment map, and the cost and expenses of making said improvement, and authorizing the committee to obtain the assistance of some competent surveyor, &c., presented their report thereon.

The report was received, and the following preamble and resolutions in relation thereto, were offered by Alderman Finck,

Whereas, The improvement contemplated by an ordinance of this common council approved by the mayor on the eighteenth day of June, 1863, whereby a street has been opened from where Montgomery street intersects Warren street to where Montgomery street intersects Van Vorst and Gregory streets has been completed, and the Committee on Assessments have reported to this common council the costs and expenses of making said improvement, amounting to fifty-three thousand two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-two cents, and the proportion which should be assessed on each lot or parcel of land designated on the original assessment map filed with the city clerk by the commissioners appointed by the ordinance aforesaid as by the report of said committee, and the schedule annexed to said report and forming part thereof fully appears, therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of said committee be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the assessment of said costs and expenses so made by said committee be fixed and settled in conformity with said report and schedule, and that said assessment be in all things confirmed.

And be it resolved, That the said report and schedule above referred to, made to this common council by the committee on assessments, together with these resolutions be recorded by the city clerk in the assessment map, which record when completed shall be signed by the president of this common council and the city clerk.

On motion of Alderman Finck the consideration of the preamble and resolutions was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred May 3, 1864, the communication from Isaac T. Smith, in reference to bonds held by him presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Isaac T. Smith, of New York, is the



holder of coupon bonds, 6 per cent. Nos. 14, 16, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, originally issued to Hunt & Armstrong, and drawn payable to assigns for erection of station house, &c., and

Whereas, said Isaac T. Smith, has made application in writing to this common council for an exchange of said coupon bonds for coupon bonds drawn (payable to bearer, and

Whereas, said above coupon bonds have an unexpired time of from ten to eleven years to run.

And whereas, it is deemed advisable that in the exchange of said coupon bonds the date of expiration should be uniform, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to issue their requisition on the mayor, city clerk, comptroller, and city treasurer for eight coupon bonds in the sum of one thousand dollars each with coupons bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and payable semi-annually; said bonds to be issued to Isaac T. Smith, and made payable to bearer, and to be dated July 1, 1864, and drawn payable eleven years from date.

Resolved, That no delivery of the new coupon bonds be made by the city clerk, until he shall have first received and filed in his office a certificate from the comptroller that said coupon bonds Nos. 14, 16, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, issued as above stated in the preamble, have been filed in his office and cancelled.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance upon due notice are requested to meet at the comptroller's office, and in conjunction with said officer to cancel the remaining coupons attached to the coupon bonds above enumerated, and to report said cancellation to this common council.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred June 14, 1864, the petition of Garret E. Winants for permission to redeem property sold for taxes, &c. presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the sale made on August 4, 1856, to the city treasurer, for 10,000 years, of the westerly part consisting of eight lots in block 89, Clerk & Bacot's map, assessed to Andrew Clerk be cancelled of record by the city clerk, on the payment into the city treasury by the owner Garret E. Winants of the sum of twenty-six dollars and twenty-six cents taxes of 1855, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from December, 1855, and the cost, said sale being hereby ordered cancelled for the reason that said lots were erroneously assessed to a party who was not the owner, and because the same are not in block 89, but in block 38 as appears by entry in book of sales.

Resolved, That the sale made March 23d, 1857, to Michael Lienau, of whole of block 53 (Van Vorst Township map), assessed to Peter Bentley & Co., for taxes of 1856, be canceled of record by the city clerk on the payment into the city treasury by the owner, Garret E. Winants, of the sum of twenty-three dollars, taxes of 1856, with cost and interest of the whole amount at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, upon the 20th of December, 1856, and that after the same shall be done a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Michael Lienau, the purchaser thereof for said amounts, with interest as aforesaid, in order to refund purchase money, and interest thereon, and that said warrant be delivered to him on his surrendering to the city clerk the declara-

tion of sale of said block. Said sale being ordered canceled for the reason that said block was erroneously assessed to parties who are not the owners and because there are doubts concerning the legality of said assessments. Said block having been covered by water at the time of said assessment, and having been assessed independently of any adjacency to fast land.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred June 21, 1864, the petition of B. F. Wolsey, to have refunded interest paid in redemption of lot sold for taxes of 1856, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of B. F. Wolsey, for the sum of sixteen dollars and sixty-six cents, to refund to him the difference between seven and fifteen per cent. interest, paid by him in redemption of lot 3, Jersey avenue, in block 201, erroneously assessed, and sold for taxes of 1856.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Jackson Engine Company No. 6, for a fire engine for their use, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Common Council deem it expedient to purchase for the use of the city, at a cost not to exceed the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, a fire engine to be placed in charge of Jackson Engine Company No. 6; and that the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to contract on behalf of the city, with some suitable person or persons, for the construction of said fire engine.

The report was received, and on motion of Alaman Earle, the resolution was laid upon the table; subsequently, on motion of Alderman Nafew, the vote, by which the resolution was laid upon the table, was reconsidered. The motion to lay upon the table was then again adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Engine Company No. 5, for a new Fire Engine, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Common Council deem it expedient to purchase for the use of the City at a cost not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars, a double-decked Fire Engine, said engine when purchased to be placed in charge of Protection Fire Engine Company No. 5, and that the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to enter into negotiations with some suitable party or parties for the purchase of such an Engine, and to ascertain and report what allowance will be made by said party or parties for the old fire engine now in the possession of said company.

Alderman Earle moved,

"That the report and resolution be laid upon the table." The motion was lost.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Drake and Nafew.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Gafney, McBride, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Fire and Water to whom was referred May 24, 1864, the petition of William Finlan, for repair of stoop injured by fire apparatus, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water are hereby authorized to have repaired at an expense not exceeding fifteen dollars, the stoop of William Finlan's house, No. 226 Railroad ave., injured by fire apparatus on the night of March 24, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water to whom was referred June 7, 1864, the petition of Engine Company No. 3, for the purchase by the city of the fire engine used by said company, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to purchase of Hercules Fire Engine Company No. 3 for the sum of twelve hundred dollars their fire engine, said company to be allowed the use of said engine as heretofore, during the pleasure of the common council, and that on the filing in the comptroller's office of a bill of sale of said fire engine, and the certifying of the said filing to the city clerk, a warrant for said amount be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of said engine company, in full payment for their engine.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the report and resolution were ordered to lie upon the table for one week.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, to whom was referred May 10, 1864, the petition of Hose Company No. 3, for the erection of house for the use of said company presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby authorized to report to this board, plans and specifications of a hose house to be erected on the lot owned by the city at the junction of Newark avenue and Railroad avenue for the use of Diligent Hose Company No. 3, and to report at what price the said house can be built.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented a report in reference to the condition of hose house No. 3, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals to take down hose house No. 3, and to erect a wall in the rear of hook and ladder house No. 1.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers to whom were referred June 21, 1864, the petition of Abram Collard and others, for receiving basins and culverts at the southeast and southwest corners of Monmouth and South 7th streets, and the communication from the board of water commissioners in reference thereto, presented a report thereon, adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners for the reason that the engineer of the board of water commissioners reported through advice of counsel that no legal assessment can be made for said improvement.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented a report setting forth their proceedings in reference to the selling of buildings and parts of buildings in pursuance of the ordinance passed June 18, 1863, providing for the opening of Montgomery street.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented a report submitting two sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to sweep and clean the streets of Jersey City, from July 1st, 1864, to May 1st, 1865, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from Charles McCann and John Coar:

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That the two proposals, reported at this meeting by the Committee on Streets, opened and read, for the contract to sweep and clean the streets of Jersey City, from July 1st, 1864, to May 1st, 1865, be referred to the Committee on Streets, with authority to enter into a contract with the lowest of said bidders, provided the said committee deem it to the interests of the city so to do: and that on the requisition of said committee, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the corporation attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties, to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee on Streets, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

The Committee on Streets reported back as disposed of by resolution the certificate referred to said Committee June 21, 1864, of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, of amount due D. W. Culver, in Improvement Certificates on account, of South 7th Street Improvement, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported back as disposed of by resolution, the certificate referred to said Committee June 7, 1864, of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, of amount due Daniel W. Culver, on account of his contract for improvement of South 7th Street, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

Alderman McBride from Committee on Streets presented a map entitled "Plan of South 8th Street from Brunswick street to Colgate street, as dedicated by the property owners," surveyed by D. E. Culver, City Surveyor.

The map was accepted and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of Thomas Elliot, \$33 50.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of William Conner, \$24; D E Culver, \$108 74 \$22 60 and \$10; John Hogan, \$12 75; Keeney & Halladay, \$6,233 41; Michael Killeen, \$30; F J Mallory, \$5; James McDonald, \$21, and John Ryan, \$21.

Referred to Committee on Streets

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the salary ordinance presented May 31, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration.

The ordinance was considered and amended, and on motion of Alderman Gafney, laid upon the table temporarily.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed June 21, 1864, authorizing the board of assessors to employ a clerk, &c., be rescinded.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated for clerk hire for the assessors of taxes for the present municipal year.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the board resumed the consideration of the salary ordinance.

The ordinance was further amended and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Quaié.



Nays—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Terry.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Hough, received and laid upon the table, viz:

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'an ordinance to prohibit the running of Dummy engines or other steam cars on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey City approved June 17, 1864.

On motion of Alderman Edge the board proceeded to the appointment of a chief of police, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward D. Reily.

Patrick Jordan was nominated by Alderman Edge.

Charles O. Stivers was nominated by Alderman Hough.

Jarvis L. Ayres was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

A balloting was had which resulted as follows: Aldermen Quaife and Decker were appointed and acted as tellers:

Patrick Jordan received ten votes.

Charles O. Stivers received one vote.

Jarvis L. Ayres received three votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon Patrick Jordan having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed chief of police to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Edward D. Reily.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Ege, and adopted:

Resolved, That on the consummation of the purchase of lots 27, 28, 29, and 30, in block 131, a warrant be drawn payable to the order of William A. Durrie, for ten dollars, for water rents for years 1864 and 1865.

By Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That the corporation attorney be requested to send to this board his opinion as to the legality of the resolutions passed by this Common Council, by which they have resolved to pay the exemption of three hundred dollars, by which persons drafted on the last call can be relieved, in case they fail to furnish substitutes.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the resolution was laid upon the table.

By Alderman Edge, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant on the city treasurer for ten dollars be drawn in favor of Marshal Ellis for bill of extra labor at the station-house, the same to be placed to account of police committee.

By Alderman Hough and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to have the fence at the Alms House repaired at a cost not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

By Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of Grand street, and for which the then property of E. B. Blakeman was assessed, be referred to the Committee on Finance who are hereby requested to report to this Board at their convenience—whether the same can be settled—to the end that such proceeding may be had in such matter that the lien of the city may be enforced.

On motion of Alderman McBride the following entitled ordinance, reported by the Committee on Streets June 21, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling to the established grade, flagging the sidewalks full width, curbing the same, and paving the roadway with Belgian paving, Montgomery street, from the south side of Newark avenue, to the North side of Gregory street, including intersections."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Earle and Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the following entitled ordinance reported by the Committee on Streets, June 21, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in and paving the roadway of the south side of Railroad avenue, between the west line of Warren street and the east line of Prospect street, guttering, curbing, and flagging the same on the south side."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis, and Nafew.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk

Special meeting at the Common Council chamber, Saturday, July 2d, 1864, at 8 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Aldermen Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Finck, Gaddis, and Lennon.

In the absence of the President on motion of Alderman McBride, Alderman Pangborn was appointed President pro tempore.

The call of the meeting was read by the City Clerk, and is as follows:

HON. ORESTES CLEVELAND—Mayor:

We request you to call a special meeting of the Common Council to-morrow evening, the 2d inst., for the purpose of taking action in reference to providing means for the raising of monies for the payment of bounties to volunteers and substitutes.

Very respectfully,

J. W. PANGBORN,  
JOHN LENNON,  
S. QUAIFFE.

JERSEY CITY, July 1, 1864.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, July 2d, 1864. }

GEO. W. CASSEDDY, Esq.—City Clerk.

Dear Sir: You will please issue notices as above requested, to the Common Council, to meet at the Common Council Chamber this evening, the 2d inst., at 8 o'clock.

Yours respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow for a period not to exceed six months, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers or substitutes, to be raised or furnished in anticipation of the next call of the President of the United States for volunteers, or of the next draft; and that on the requisition of said committee the mayor and city clerk are empowered to issue under their hands and the corporate seal of the city bonds to the party or parties from whom said moneys shall be borrowed; and that when said moneys shall have been paid to the treasurer, warrants are hereby ordered to be drawn on that officer from time to time in favor of the Committee on Enlistments in such sums as they may require, and on their requisitions to be filed in the city clerk's office; said committee to account to this common council for the expenditure by them of said moneys.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Finck, Gaddis and Lennon. On motion of Alderman Nafew the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, July 5, 1864, at 7½ o'clock p.m.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff and Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 1864, and of the special meeting of July 2, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Official bond of Patrick Jordan as chief of police with George McLaughlin and John Coar as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Henry McKeon to have refunded fine imposed on his son for violating city ordinance, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, by John Thompson, foreman of repairs for permission to lay a turn out of rails from their new machine and car shops to and across Washington and Greene streets parallel with their present tracks, &c.

Referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of the Jersey City and Bergen horse railroad company asking the Common Council to rescind their action prohibiting the running of Dummy cars in Jersey City, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of John Corrigan for permission to redeem lots sold to the city treasurer, November 23, 1861, for assessment, &c.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to John Corrigan, to redeem lot 89 Newark avenue and lot 90 Newark and Railroad avenue and Grove street, in block 18, from the sale made to the city treasurer, November 23, 1861, for assessment for regulating Newark avenue from Warren street to Jersey avenue the time for redemption having expired; provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lots were sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

Petition of Horatio Reed for permission to redeem lots sold to the city treasurer for unpaid assessments and water rents, &c.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Horatio Reed to redeem lot 32 York st., in block 34, from the sale made to the city treasurer, September 6, 1861, for assessment for building sewer in Grove and York streets; also to redeem lot 32 York street, in block 34, from the sale made to the city treasurer, February 9, 1860, for water rents of 1853, the time for redemption having expired; provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lots were sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were

reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz:

Of William Conner, \$24; D E Culver, \$22 60 and \$10; Thomas Elliot, \$31 25; John Hogan, \$12 75; Michael Killeen, \$30; F J Mallory, \$5; James McDonald, \$21, and John Ryan, \$21.

A claim of Nathaniel Ellis, \$58 28, for boarding prisoners for June, 1864, was presented, received, referred to the Committee on Police, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the report of the committee on the same, and said claim was reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of Keeney and Halladay, \$6,238 41, and D. E. Culver, \$108 74, for work and materials in the improvement of Wayne street, referred to the Committee on Streets June 28, 1864, were reported correct by said committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 5th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL. }  
JERSEY CITY, July 5, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return without my approval an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries," passed June 28th.

My signature is not withheld on account of differing *personally*, as I do, upon several minor points, with your honorable body—as for instance, upon paying to the aids to the chief of police the same salary only as that paid to the ordinary policemen; the aids having greater responsibilities and more hours of duty should be compensated accordingly; and again, in the case of the chief engineer of the fire department, whose salary is made very large, considering the amount of duty required—but I return the ordinance because it seems to me the fact has not been duly considered, that the almshouse department should be done away with as far as practicable, and paupers be taken in charge by the county authorities, and in doing that, the services of Mr. Whitley and his family can be, to a great extent, done away with. The argument that a hospital is needed in Jersey City does not come home to me with sufficient force. I have not had time to investigate the matter, but am under the impression that we can send patients to the New York hospital, and at less price that we can maintain a hospital here:—it is used so seldom for cases that would not be as well off in charge of the county institution. If I am right in that, then under this salary ordinance we shall be paying Mr. Whitley a salary of seven hundred dollars, for *overseeing* the distribution of the small amount it will be necessary for us to give to what are called "the outdoor poor."

I am not aware of any action on the part of your honorable body to have the residence of such overseer removed from the old almshouse, and thus his house rent is to be furnished to him free, and if it is made a sort of depot, as I have heard intimated that it may be, the family of the overseer will naturally continue to live at the expense of the city, and these items combined will make the salary of the overseer of the outdoor poor the highest salary paid to any city officer. The salary of seven hundred dollars is quite enough without the other items, and I would suggest, if you still think he should be paid so large a salary, that it be in lieu of all perquisites, including a residence for his family. I do not believe



your honorable body intended this appointment and salary to indicate a possible continuance of the almshouse institution, and I am borne out in that conclusion by the phraseology used in the ordinance, and if not, then it should be clearly set forth. A large saving may be made in this department if proper management is shown on the part of the city authorities, and this is the place to commence the reform. I trust you will look further into this matter, and if I am right, you will revise your action.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was then laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Gafney.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on this 5th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, July 5, 1864. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return without my approval a resolution of your honorable body, presented to me June 29th. The resolution proposes to pay Isaac S. Miller the sum of \$49, for work in aid of the special committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the water board, &c. A similar resolution passed June 7, 1864, to pay for the same service, \$50, was returned with my objections June 14, 1864. The same objections induce me to return the second resolution, and I am more than ever convinced of the correctness of the reasons then given.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was then laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Pangborn.

A communication from the board of assessors requesting the common council to take some action in reference to furnishing books, &c., for said board was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the city treasurer for the month of June, 1864, showing a balance in the treasury July 1st, 1864, of \$15,867 32, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of Michael McKone, gauger and inspector of domestic liquids for the quarter ending June 24, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of the chief of police of the number of oil lamps not lighted or burning during the month of June, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

An estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost and description of property to be assessed for building main sewer in Pavonia avenue from Erie street to the Hudson River as petitioned for by Henry Finck and others, June 7, 1864, was presented, received and with the petition referred to the Committee on Sewers.

An estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost and description of property to be assessed for building main sewer in Bay or South 9th st. from Erie st. to the Hudson River, as petitioned for by George McLaughlin and others, May 31, 1864, was presented, received and with the petition referred to the Committee on Sewers.

The city clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor the Mayor, July 2, 1864, of the ordinance passed June 28, 1864, providing for the improvement of Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Gregory street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor the mayor, July 2, 1864, of the ordinance passed June 28, 1864, providing for the improvement of the south side of Railroad avenue from Warren street to Prospect street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The following requisition was presented from the board of education:

To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the board of education, held at their room this evening, it was

Resolved, By the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, that requisition be made upon the common council for the payment of the following claims.

In favor of the board of education for the payment of teachers' salaries for the quarter to end with this month, \$5,200.

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk of the Board of Education.

Jersey City, July 5, 1864.

Also of Barnes & Burr, books, &c., No. 1.	\$154 81
do. do. No. 3.	39 82
do. do. Normal.	37 25
Wm. N. Hogan, fuel No. 3.	52 25
R. Donshea, No. 2 & 3.	6 25
Earle & Co.	7 17
John Schuyler.	2 50
Clerk of the board three months salary.	25 00

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk of the Board.

July, 5 1864.

The requisition was received and on motion of Alderman Earle it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the board of education and for the amounts respectively named.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$7.62.

Referred to Special Committee on enlistments.

Of Drayton and Durant, \$150.62; Mathew Erwin \$142.20.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of C. Bush, \$30.03; Thomas Howe, \$6.96; Hughes & Piaget, \$10 50.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. C. Curren, \$106.75; and J. F. Richardson, \$37.00.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Jacob Soney, \$1.00.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of Jacob Soney, \$4.70.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Coar, \$446.18.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the action of the common council had June 28, 1864, by which the claim of J. H. Lyon, \$200 was ordered paid, was rescinded, and the claim recommitted to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

On motion of Alderman Terry, the return of the chief engineer of the fire department of the expulsion of Berlin Brown from Engine Company No. 5, confirmed by the fire commissioners, &c., presented June 7, 1864, was taken from the table and action of fire commissioners approved and confirmed.

On motion of Alderman Finck, the preamble and resolution presented June 28, 1864, in reference to the assessment for the opening of Montgomery street, were taken from the table for consideration.

The preamble and resolution were discussed and

on motion of Alderman Gafney laid upon the table.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Hough and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the special committee on arrangements for celebrating the Fourth of July, for the sum of five hundred dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said celebration.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to have repairs done to Hose House No. 4, the amount not to exceed sixty dollars.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the following resolution reported by the Committee on Fire and Water June 28, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

Resolved, That this common council deem it expedient to purchase for the use of the city, at a cost not to exceed the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, a fire engine to be placed in charge of Jackson Engine Company No. 6; and that the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to contract on behalf of the city, with some suitable person or persons, for the construction of said fire engine.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of the President:

Yeas—Aldermen Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Pangborn.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff and Gaddis.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Ege and adopted:

Resolved, That when this board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday night next, at half past seven o'clock.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments are hereby authorized to pay the sum of four hundred dollars to any person not liable to draft who may furnish a representative for military service of the United States, whenever such representative shall have been accepted and credited to the quota of Jersey City.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, July 12, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the city and on motion of Alderman Earle, Alderman Hough was appointed clerk *pro tempore*.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Terry.

Aldermen Decker, Drake, Gafney, Kane, Pangborn and Quaife, were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of A. A. Van Buskirk for permission to redeem lot 240 Canal street, sold to the city treasurer for unpaid water rents, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from J. B. Romar, Esq., Ex-Mayor, setting forth that he has deposited in city treasury the sum of seven thousand dollars, being amount placed in his hands whilst connected with the city officially, for the payment of State allow-

ance to families of volunteers, said amount having been reimbursed by the State.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Isaac Houston and others for the passage of an ordinance creating the office of inspector of meats, fish, and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of John D. Ward and others for abatement of nuisance caused by offensive odors arising from material used for filling in ground intended for ferry landing of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.: Of C. Bush, \$30.03; John Coar, \$446.18; W. C. Curren, \$106.75; Drayton & Durrant, \$150.62; Matthew Erwin, \$142.20; Hughes & Piaget, \$10.50; Thomas Howe, \$6.96; Latimer, Bros. & Seymour, \$275. J. F. Richardson, \$37; and Jacob Sonoy, \$4.70.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.: Of Michael Cosgrove, \$13; John H. Lyon, \$273.43; \$218.75, and \$109.50.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on this 12th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

[ MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, July 12, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return without my approval a resolution authorizing the purchase of a new fire engine for the use of engine company No 5, at an expense not to exceed \$2,600. There is now being prepared for the use of engine company No. 1, a steam fire engine, and until that is used, and its efficiency tested, I deem it inexpedient to incur the expenses of changing any of the old engines for new ones. An additional reason for not making the proposed change at this time, is the fact that the water commissioners will probably soon make a pipe connection across the Hackensack river, with the new 36-inch main already laid from the river to both reservoirs, and it is expected that the increased supply of water will render it unnecessary to change the engine in possession of engine company No. 5.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Nafew.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due John J. Hill, on account of his contract for improvement of Greene street was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, assignees of James Ford, of a portion of his contract for improvement of South 8th street, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred this evening the petition of A. A. Van Buskirk for permission to redeem, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to



Abraham A. Van Buskirk to redeem lot 240 Canal street, in block B, from the sale made to the city treasurer, March 23, 1861, for water rents of 1859, the time for redemption having expired: provided the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lot was sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance to whom was referred on the 5th inst. the official bond of Patrick Jordan as chief of police, presented a favorable report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Patrick Jordan, as chief of police, to fill vacancy occasioned by death of E. D. Reily, executed by him as principal, and by George McLaughlin and John Coar as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on finance to whom was referred on the 5th inst., the communication from the board of Assessors requesting supply of assessors books, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that the books have been ordered and some of them have been delivered to the assessors, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

The committee on railroads to whom was referred on the 5th inst., the petition of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, for permission to lay a turnout of iron rails from their new machine and car shops to and across Washington and Greene streets, parallel with their present tracks, &c., presented a favorable report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company be authorized to lay down the turnout asked for under the direction of committee on streets.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on laws and ordinances to whom was referred on the 5th inst., the petition of Henry McKeon, to have refunded a fine imposed on his son for violating city ordinance relative to bathing, &c., presented a favorable report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that a warrant be drawn in favor of Henry McKeon for the sum of five dollars.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$30.68.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of D. E. Culver, \$201.27.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$95.90; J. W. Harrison, \$15.10; and Thomas Royle, jr., \$19.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$2,393.93.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$95.18.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$43.03; Thomas Howe, \$41.13; and Thomas McCullough, \$40.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of William Conner, \$24; John Hogan, \$14; Michael Killeen, \$30; James McDermott, \$21; John Ryan, \$21; and A. O. Zabriskie, \$250.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying the bonds of the City, coming due on the 20th and 23d and 25th of the present month of July, and that upon the requisition of said committee, city bonds be issued for a period of not to exceed ninety days at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, and that the Mayor and city clerk be requested to sign said bonds under the corporate seal of the city.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Gafney, Kane, Pangborn and Quafe.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Whereas, There was borrowed on the 20th, 23d, and 25th days of May, 1864, of the Hudson County, Provident Savings, Mechanics and Traders, and Jersey City Banks, at 60 days, on City Bonds, the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, for the payment of volunteer and substitute bounties under the last call of the President of the United States. And

Whereas seventy-five thousand dollars of above loan was borrowed under a resolution of the Common Council, passed March 19th, and approved March 19, 1864, authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow one hundred and ten thousand dollars; also the sum of twenty thousand dollars of above loan, under a resolution of the Common Council passed May 3d, and approved May 6th, 1864. And

Whereas said monies were borrowed in anticipation of a permanent bounty loan; therefore

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance of this Common Council, ninety-five coupon bonds of the Mayor and Common Council, of Jersey City, New Jersey, of the sum of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from two hundred and sixty-six to three hundred and sixty inclusive, be issued under the corporate seal of the said city to bearer, or to the order of the party or parties named in such requisition, and for a period of years as follows, viz.: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) at 15 years; forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) at 25 years; the said bonds to be dated August 1st, 1864, and the principal of said bonds payable as follows: August 1st, 1879, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and August 1st, 1889 forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000), and drawn payable with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, the coupons to be made payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August in each year, at the Hudson County Bank, in Jersey City, or at the Merchant's Exchange Bank, in the city of New York, at the option of the holder, in accordance with the advertisement of the said Committee on Finance. That the mayor and city clerk of Jersey City are hereby authorized and requested to sign said bonds and affix thereto the corporate seal of the city of Jersey City, the

comptroller to countersign the same, and the treasurer to sign the coupons "thereunto attached."

The said bonds to be issued in payment of loans to pay volunteer and substitute bounties under authority of an act of the legislature of the State of New Jersey, approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1864, entitled "An Act to legalize loans made by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, for purposes relating to the maintenance of the Federal Government, and provide for raising of further sums."

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Decker, Drake, Gafney, Kane, Pangborn, and Quaife.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis, and adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for a loan to the city in the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, for a period of from ten to thirty years, on account of monies borrowed on city bonds for the payment of volunteer and substitute bounties.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, said money being for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers and substitutes under the last call of the president.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of John B. Haight, agent for payment of state allowance to families of volunteers for the sum of seven thousand dollars, amount deposited in the treasury by J. B. Romar, ex-mayor as refunded by the state treasurer.

(Aldermen Drake, Gafney, Pangborn, Quaife, Kane and Decker, appeared and took their seats.)

On motion of Alderman Earle the objections of his honor the mayor to approving salary ordinance passed June 28, 1864, were taken from the table for consideration.

Alderman Earle moved

"That the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Lennon, McBride, and Terry.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the objections of his honor the mayor to approving the following resolution passed June 21, 1864, were taken from the table for consideration.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the treasurer for the sum of forty-nine dollars in favor of Isaac S. Miller, for services rendered in assisting Special Committee in investigating books of water commissioners.

Alderman Pangborn moved

"That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, and McBride.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the following entitled ordinance presented June 28, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz.:

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to prohibit the running of dummy engines or other steam cars on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey City, approved June 17, 1864."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Lennon, McBride, and Terry.

(Alderman Drake obtained leave and retired).

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the Tax ordinance was taken from the table for consideration. The ordinance was considered, amended, and on motion of Alderman Earle, laid upon the table.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker and adopted.

Resolved, That the pig pens and cow stables in the neighborhood of the Glass House and No. 2 Engine, be referred to the Committee on Public Health, with power to abate any nuisance arising therefrom.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted.

Resolved, That 200 copies of the ordinance relative to carts and cartmen be printed in small pamphlet form for the use of the carmen of this city, and that the same be distributed when called for by them, by the city clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Earle, received and laid upon the table, viz: "An ordinance fixing salaries."

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That two improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, for five hundred dollars each in favor of Messrs. Keeney and Halladay, under an assignment from James Ford of a portion of his contract for the improvement of South 8th street, from Brunswick street to the westerly city limits, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars in favor of John J. Hill, being for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Greene street, from Stuben street to Harsimus street.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Pangborn:

Whereas, a military organization known as the Pavonia Rifle Co., are now in the service of the United States, as a portion of the recruits from New Jersey, enlisted under a call from the Governor for the term of one hundred days, and are now engaged in active operations in Virginia, under Gen Grant, and

Whereas, other organizations of like character from this State were paid a bounty of thirty dollars per man, while this company were suffered to depart without action being taken in their behalf, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments are hereby authorized to pay to each member of the Pavonia Rifle Co., now in the service of the United States, the sum of thirty dollars whenever it shall appear to said committee that the parties claiming the bounty are clearly entitled to the same by virtue of this resolution, and have been credited to the quota of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand dollars for a term not exceeding six



months, and that on the requisition of said committee city bonds be issued in the sum named and for the above period, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, and that the Mayor and city clerk be requested to sign said bonds under the corporate seal of the city.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis Quaife and Ege :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None,

Absent—Alderman Drake and Earle.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board then adjourned.

WASHINGTON I. HOUGH,  
City Clerk, *pro tempore*.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, July 19, 1864, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaise and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, and Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 5th inst. and of the adjourned regular meeting of the 12th inst. were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of Robinson White for a public porter's license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of James Meany for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William W. Miller to be appointed a city surveyor.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Petition of Frederick Porrett and others, for the erection of a lamp on westerly side of Jersey avenue about 136 feet south from the curb on Newark avenue.

On motion of Alderman Terry the petition was referred to the Committee on Lamps with power.

Petition of D. E. Culver and others to have Grand street from the easterly side of Jersey avenue to Mill Creek including all intersections filled to the established grade, sidewalks flagged on both sides four feet wide, curbed, &c.

Referred to the corporation attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$7.62; William Conner, \$24; Deles E. Culver, \$201.27; Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$2,393.98 and \$95.90; J. W. Harrison, \$15.10; John Hogan, \$14; Michael Killen, \$30; James McDermott, \$21; Thomas Royle, Jr., \$19; John Ryan \$21; and A. O. Zabriskie, \$250.

#### OFFICERS COMMUNICATIONS.

The city clerk laid before the board the following communication from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on this 19th inst., and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, July 18, 1864. }

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I herewith return without my approval a supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the running of dummy engines or other steam cars, on the horse railroad tracks in Jersey city," approved June 17, 1864. A petition was presented to your honorable body signed by a number of the most respectable property-owners and tax-payers, praying the authorities to prohibit the running of these cars, as being dangerous to the lives of the inhabitants and injurious to the property in Jersey city. Already many serious accidents had occurred, property had been destroyed, and streets had been obstructed by these cars, and our citizens were daily meeting with very narrow escapes.

Their influence upon the best interests of Jersey city was felt to be greatly injurious, and they were no convenience to our people unless they wished to leave the city limits, and under this state of facts the Common Council was appealed to, the prohibitory ordinance was passed, and there was a manifest feeling of relief and satisfaction

throughout the community. The people are now surprised to find within less than thirty days from the passage of the ordinance, that the relief they sought had been postponed six months, in order that the railroad company might go to the State legislature in January and procure permission to run steam cars permanently in spite of the people of this city, or the ordinances of the Common Council, as the superintendent of that company, I am informed, has already stated.

I cannot believe that the members of the Common Council were aware of the real intentions of the company when this supplement for a postponement was passed. It does not seem to me possible that a majority of your honorable body would aid the company in such an undertaking. No petition has been presented to you from the people of this city for such an extension, nor have the people outside the city limits, affected by the running of these cars, asked it; on the contrary, you have been asked by our own people to prohibit them entirely, and the citizens signed a petition for that purpose, but did not present it to you under the impression that no notice would be taken of a petition from persons outside the city limits. I am, therefore, forced to the conclusion, that it is done solely for the accommodation of the railroad company, and that the effect would be to assist the company in getting legislative authority to ride over us. And what makes the case still worse is the fact that the supplement is against the expressed wish of the people both of this city and Bergen.

These engines are not run for the accommodation of the people of Jersey City, but to carry passengers from New York to points beyond the city limits, and to transport them back across this city to New York.

They will not stop, and do not stop, when called upon by citizens three-quarters of a mile from the ferry, to take up our people desiring to ride to the ferry. They may be a saving to the company, but they are no accommodation to the people in or out of this city, because horse-cars would be safer and more certain to reach the destination.

It is for these and many other reasons, some of which are alluded to in my annual message, that I ask you to reconsider your action.

We were elected to protect the people and their property, and all legislation should look to the general benefit instead of promoting the interest of a railroad company in opposition to the general interest. The argument I have heard used, that the company could not get cars enough to run if compelled to use horses only, you will find, on candid investigation, to be entirely false.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was then laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Pangborn.

The city clerk, by request of Hon. A. O. Zabriskie, laid before the Board the following communication, accompanied by memorials of the late Col. Zabriskie:

JERSEY CITY, July 19, 1864.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City:

Please accept from me, for each of yourselves, a memorial pamphlet, in which are collected the public manifestations of regard to the character and services, and sympathy at the death of the late Col. Zabriskie, my lamented son.

The marks of respect to his memory, officially shown by your honorable body were, I assure you, highly appreciated by me, and I doubt not by the public also, who shared the loss with me of a brave and noble citizen and soldier.

I remain, with the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

A. O. ZABRISKIE.



The communication was received, ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council, and the memorials ordered to be distributed as requested therein.

A communication was presented from A. H. Wallis, chairman of Board of Commissioners of Assessments, setting forth that W. C. Traphagen is ineligible to act as commissioner of assessments on the improvement of North First street, from Prospect street to Meadow street, by reason of his owning property on the line of said improvement.

The communication was received, and on motion of Alderman Finck, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent suspended, to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* a commissioner of assessment for the improvement of North First st. in the place of William C. Traphagen, who is ineligible to act as commissioner on said assessment.

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Finck, Charles H. Atkins was, *viva voce*, unanimously appointed such commissioner of assessment.

A communication from the collector of revenue enclosing returns of delinquent taxpayers for the year 1863, and of unpaid assessment for regulating Canal street, from Grove street to Jersey avenue, was presented, received, and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That the collector of revenue's returns of delinquent taxpayers for the year 1863, and assessment for regulating Canal street, from Grove street to Jersey avenue, be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to advertise and sell according to law, the property described therein and with power to make all needful rules and regulations for the government of such sale, and with authority to suspend or adjourn the sale of the same or any part thereof.

An estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost and description of property to be assessed for building main sewer in Montgomery street, from Henderson street to the Hudson river, as petitioned for by J. H. Hopken and others June 14, 1864, was presented, received, and with the petition referred to the Committee on Sewers.

A communication from the Corporation Attorney enclosing a communication from the Morris Canal and Banking Co., in reference to the construction of a bulk-head along the south side of Canal street, between Grove street and Jersey av., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following elections in and resignations from said Department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of Paul Decker by Engine Co. No. 2, Philip McMahon by Engine Co. No. 3, Ferdinand A. Hall by Engine Co. No. 5, John Dempsey and Michael Kane by Engine Co. No. 6, and Theodore Parker by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

Resignations of Theodore Post from Engine Co. No. 1, John McCoullough, Daniel Ryan, J. W. Palmer, James O'Brien, and James Barnes, from Engine Co. No. 3, Peter Dolan from Engine Co. No. 6, A. J. Shipley from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Aaron W. West and W. R. Meeker, from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, and Jacob Frank from Hose Co. No. 4.

The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper for the length of time required by the city charter a list of prop-

erty still unredeemed sold by the Corporation of Jersey City, October 1st, 1862, for unpaid assessments.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred June 21, 1864, the petition of William Allen and others for the passage of an ordinance creating the office of Inspector of Tobacco, presented an adverse report thereon accompanied by an opinion of the Corporation Attorney in reference thereto.

The report was laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Gafney.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances returned the petition referred to them July 12, 1864, of Isaac Houston and others for the passage of an ordinance creating the office of Inspector of meats, fish and vegetables.

The petition was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred June 23, 1864, the petition of E. K. Ashmead for a public porter's license, presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Railroads to whom was referred June 21, 1864, the petition of Andrew Nolen and others to have the railroad track of the Jersey City and Bergen Horse Railroad Company removed to the centre of Grand street, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company be instructed to have the tracks of their road in Grand street, between Barrow street and the Mill creek laid in accordance with the ordinance authorizing the laying of said tracks.

Alderman Nafew moved that the report and resolution be laid upon the table.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Edge and Decker:

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Finck, Gafney, Lennon, McBride and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Edge and Gaddis.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred July 5, 1864, the communication from the Jersey City and Bergen Horse Railroad Company, requesting the common council to rescind their action prohibiting the running of dummy cars presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the common council in prohibiting the running of the dummy cars in the streets of Jersey City be not rescinded.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the report and resolution were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Sewers, who have under consideration the petition referred to them July 5, 1864, of George McLaughlin and others for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, and the estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Monday, August 1, 1864, at 8 o'clock, p.m., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Sewers of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this common council, June 7, 1864, of George McLaughlin, and others for the construction of a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street from the easterly line of Erie street to the Hudson river, with laterals, &c., and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in

the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the board of water commissioners in their communication presented to this common council July 5, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers who have under consideration the petition referred to them July 5, 1864, of Henry Finck and others for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, &c., and the estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing:

Resolved, That Monday, August 8th, 1864, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Sewers of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this common council June 7, 1864, of Henry Finck and others, for the construction of a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, from the easterly side of Erie street to tide water of the Hudson river, with laterals, &c., and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the board of water commissioners in their communication presented to this common council July 5th, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers to whom was referred May 17, 1864, the petition of Townsend V. Roe, for damages sustained by one of his horses falling into a hole in South First street, &c., presented an adverse report thereon.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported back as disposed of, &c., the certificate referred to said committee July 12, 1864, of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Keeney and Halladay, under an assignment of James Ford of a portion of his contract for improvement of South Eighth street, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Streets reported back as disposed of, &c., the certificate referred to said committee July 12, 1864, of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due John J. Hill, on account of his contract for improvement of Greene street, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of S. D. Ellis, \$3 50.

Referred to Special Committee on enlistments.

Of Edward Hope, jr., \$5; Hugh Reilly, \$34 20.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of C. Bush, \$16 72; Carey & Young, \$40; J. W. Harrison, \$10 25; Hughes & Piaget, \$22 50, and Bernard McGuigan, \$12 98.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Bernard McGuigan, \$13 41.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of John Coar, \$694 50; John Gordon, \$20; Patrick Quinn, \$14, and Alexander Wilson, \$9 60.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Terry moved,

That the objections of His Honor the Mayor to approving ordinance passed July 12, 1864, sup-

plementary to ordinance prohibiting the use of dummy engines in Jersey City, be taken from the table for consideration.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Lennon, McBride, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, and Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Earle the Salary Ordinance was taken from the table for consideration.

The ordinance was considered and amended.

Alderman Gafney moved to amend that portion of the ordinance fixing the salary of the Overseer of the Poor by adding "in lieu of all other fees and perquisites."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Hough and Drake.

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, and Gafney.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Ege and Gaddis.

Alderman Edge moved to amend the ordinance by fixing the salary of the Aids to the Chief of Police at eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum each.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Kane and Terry:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, and McBride.

Nays—Aldermen Finck, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Ege and Gaddis.

Alderman Kane moved to amend the ordinance by fixing the salary of the policemen at \$850 per annum.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Kane, Nafew and Terry:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Ege and Gaddis.

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nay—Alderman Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Ege and Gaddis.

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Alderman Finck the preamble and resolutions presented June 28, 1864, in reference to the assessment for opening Montgomery street, &c., were taken from the table for consideration.

On motion of Alderman Finck the first resolution was amended.

The preamble and resolutions as amended being as follows:

Whereas, The improvement contemplated by an ordinance of this common council approved by the mayor on the eighteenth day of June, 1863, whereby a street has been opened from where Montgomery street intersects Warren street to where Montgomery street intersects VanVorst and Gregory streets has been completed, and the Committee on Assessments have reported to this common council the costs and expenses of making said improvement, amounting to fifty-three thousand two hundred and twenty-eight dollar



and forty-two cents and the proportion which should be assessed on each lot or parcel of land designated on the original assessment map filed with the city clerk by the commissioners appointed by the ordinance aforesaid as by the report of said committee, and the schedule annexed to said report and forming part thereof fully appears, therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of said committee be, and the same is hereby accepted, and this common council do hereby settle and fix the said costs and expenses at the said sum of fifty-three thousand two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-two cents, and they do hereby fix and settle the proportion of each lot or parcel of land on said original assessment map to be the same reported in said schedule as the proportion of said lot and that said assessment be in all things confirmed.

And be it resolved, That the said report on schedule above referred to, made to this common council by the committee on assessments, together with these resolutions be recorded by the city clerk in the assessment, which record when completed shall be signed by the president of this common council and the city clerk.

The preamble and resolutions as amended were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Ald. Gafney and Terry.

Absent—Ald. Earle, Ege and Gaddis.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Whereas, On the 13th of October, 1853, the city treasurer, on behalf of the city, became the purchaser of some forty-six lots of ground in consequence of the non-payment of the "reassessment thereon" for regulating Grand street, from Jersey street to the Mill creek, on "Townsend's lots," and which lots have never been redeemed from said sale, the title to which lots is now vested in the corporation of Jersey City, in consequence of such non-redemption; and

Whereas, On the 7th day of August, 1862, the same lots were sold to Charles G. Sisson, for 1,000 years, for taxes of 1861, subject to the right of redemption prescribed in the charter of Jersey City, and it therefore becomes necessary for the city to protect its title to said lots; therefore be it

Resolved, That in order to redeem said lots under such sale to said Sisson, a warrant be drawn payable to the city treasurer for the purchase money, one hundred and three dollars and seventy-eight cents, heretofore paid by Charles G. Sisson on the sale of lots hereinafter set forth for taxes of 1861, together with the interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of sale for the use of said Charles G. Sisson, and that the city treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to deliver to the city clerk at the time of the delivery of the said warrant, a certificate showing such payment by the mayor and common council of Jersey City, and showing what lands, tenements or real estate such payment is intended to redeem. That upon the due execution and delivery of the said warrant to the said treasurer, and the delivery of the said certificate, be the said treasurer, is hereby instructed to convey the amounts therein named to the credit of the said Charles G. Sisson, and immediately thereafter to notify him personally, if practicable, of such payment and the purposes for which the same was made; be it further

Resolved, That upon the receipt of the said certificate by the City Clerk from the City Treasurer as hereinbefore provided, the sale made by the Corporation of Jersey City, August 7, 1862, for arrears of taxes of 1861, to Charles G. Sisson, of lots numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 Grand street, in block 1;

5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26, Grand street, in block 2; and 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, Grand street, in block 3, all on Hill's map, in Jersey City, be cancelled or record by the city clerk.

(Aldermen Finck, Drake and Kane obtained leave and retired.)

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes for the current expenses of the city ten thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent., the same to be payable on the 20th December next, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to issue a bond for the same upon the requisition of the Finance Committee.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, and Kane.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn, and adopted:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday the 26th, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be hereby authorized to borrow, for such time as they may deem expedient, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers or substitutes.

And that on the requisition of said committee, the mayor and city clerk be empowered to issue under their hands and the corporate seal of the city, bonds to the party or parties from whom such money shall be borrowed.

And that when said moneys shall have been paid to the treasurer, warrants are hereby ordered to be drawn on that officer, from time to time, in favor of the committee on enlistments, in such sums as they may require, and on their requisitions to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Said committee to account to this Common Council for the expenditure by them of said moneys.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, and Kane.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, July 26, 1864, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Gaddis and Pangborn.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of F. P. Jones, for a transfer of Michael Walsh's porter's license to E. K. Ashmead.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

"Petition of Peter McElroy, for a transfer of Michael Kelly's junk license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Peter Lynch for a license to keep a junk shop at 31 Railroad avenue in the Second ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Jacob Stefan for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of D. S. Sinclair and others, for the extension of Washington street from its present southerly termination at or near South street to the pier or road of the Central Railroad Company of N. J.

Referred to Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Margaret Doyle and others, for the removal of the hydrant at the corner of Newark avenue and Grove street.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the petition was referred to the board of water commissioners with a request that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz:

Of C. Bush, \$16.72; Carey & Young, \$40; John Coar, \$694.50; Jersey City & Hoboken Gaslight Co., \$95.18, \$43.08, \$30.68; John Gordon \$20; J. W. Harrison, \$10.25; E. Hope, Jr., \$5; Thos. Howe, \$41.13; Hughes & Piaget, \$22.50; Thos. McCullough, \$40; Bernard McGuigan, \$18.41 and \$12.08; Patrick Quinn, \$14; Hugh Reilly, \$34.20; Jacob Soney, \$1 and Alexander Wilson, \$9.60.

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of J. V. Hardenbergh, \$350; J. B. Haight, \$350; P. D. Vroom, \$187.50; S. C. McLaughlin, \$187.50; William Whitley, \$175; Geo. W. Cassedy, \$166.68; John D. Nolan, \$250; J. Edwin Scott, \$200; R. D. McClelland, \$450; C. C. Martindale, \$58.34; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83.34; Police Department, 2,582.50; J. W. Harrison, \$9.25; T. F. Morris, \$75; Police Department, \$2,545.92; Sheeran & Lehane, \$30.50 and C. A. & C. H. Whitney, \$34.70.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The city clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor the mayor, on the 25th inst. of the ordinance passed July 19, 1864, entitled "an ordinance fixing salaries."

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Alms presented a report enclosing correspondence between said committee and the board of chosen freeholders in reference to the removal of paupers to the county almshouse on Snake Hill, the following preamble and resolutions accompanying the report:

Whereas, By recent acts of the legislature of our state, the city of Jersey City has been made liable for her proportion of the expense for the erection and maintenance of a county almshouse and

Whereas, It becomes our duty as officers of the

city to see that its interests are securely guarded, and

Whereas, The statutes of New Jersey prescribe that each township shall be provided with an overseer of the poor whose duties are therein prescribed, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms are hereby instructed to have the inmates of our city almshouse transferred to the county farm and almshouse at Snake Hill.

Resolved, That the chosen freeholders, representatives of our city be requested, that on application being made to them for admission to the county almshouse, said applicant or applicants be referred to the overseer of the poor, that he may make the necessary investigation as to the justice of said application, thereby avoiding as far as possible any infringement upon our charities as a city.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the overseer of the poor to convey all persons belonging to that class known as paupers to the county almshouse, and shall keep a true record of all paupers so sent, and on application of any person or persons to be admitted to said institution it shall be the duty of said officer to make strict examination as to the justice of said applicant or applicants and he finding them worthy shall furnish the necessary transportation to said institution.

Resolved That on application being made by any respectable and responsible person to the overseer of the poor for any minor inmate of the almshouse belonging to Jersey City with a view to adopting such minor into his or her family, it shall be the duty of the said overseer of the poor to make known said request to the Committee on County Farm and Almshouse with a view to granting the prayer of said applicant thereby lessening as far as possible the expenses of said institution.

The report was received and the preamble and resolutions were adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of R. B. Kashow, \$22.93.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of C. Bush, \$32.51; T. A. Chamberlain, \$25.66; O'Connor & Pearson, \$17.32, \$10.25 and \$7.02.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of William Gopsill, \$40; R. B. Kashow, \$173.99 and \$63.75 and M. Sanson, \$12.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Thomas Cox, \$5.75; John Eltringham, \$40; and R. B. Kashow, \$2.75.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Terry and adopted:

Whereas, The chief of police is instructed to report the number of gas lamps not burning.

Therefore be it resolved, That the police department be instructed to light any of the gas street lamps that they may find not burning during the period they should be lighted, provided they can make such lamps burn, but such of the lamps as they cannot make burn they shall report as not lit and burning.

On motion of Alderman Kane the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the common council chamber Tuesday, August 2, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 1864, and of the adjourned regular meeting of July 26, 1864, was read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz :

Communication from Michael Carey enclosing charges against Policeman Harney, accompanied by an affidavit of Lawrence Connolly, &c.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Communication from A. S. Jackson, treasurer of Pavonia Rifle Company, setting forth that Company A, Thirty-seventh regiment, has been paid the bounty of \$30 per man by the mayor and common council of the city of Newark, &c.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Petition of the Jersey City Locomotive Works for permission to erect a light bridge or passage way over Morgan street, connecting their works on the south side of Morgan street with their works on the opposite side, the bridge to be four feet wide and eighteen feet from the side walk to the under side of the bridge, accompanied by a sketch, &c.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets with power

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of C. Bush, \$32 51; T. A. Chamberlain, \$25 66; S. D. Ellis, \$3 50; William Gopsill, \$40 00; R. B. Kashow, \$173 99 and \$63 75; J. H. Lyon, \$200 00; O. Conner & Pearson, \$17 32, \$10 25 and \$7 02; A. B. Reynolds, \$5 18, and M. Sanson, \$12 00.

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William Conner, \$24 00; Nathaniel Ellis, \$53 01; John Gordon, \$16 25; John Hogan, \$12 25; Michael Killeen, \$30 00; J. H. Lyon, \$395 22, \$294 00, and \$88 50; Mrs. C. Lynch, \$6 00; James McDonald, \$21 00 and \$21 00; Police Department, \$2,647 09; Joseph Pye, \$45 00; Patrick Quinn, \$11 38, and John Ryan, \$21 00.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

Alderman Finck from the Committee on Assessments, presented the report map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments of the improvement of North First street from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street, and the same were received and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Finck from the Committee on Assessments presented the report map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments of the improvement of Wayne street from the centre line of Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City, and the same were received and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Finck from the Committee on Assessments, presented the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments of the improvement of South 7th street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, and the same were received and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

The reports of the Overseer of the Poor and Su-

perintendent of the Alms House, for the quarter ending July 31, 1864, were presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lighted or burning during July, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of gas lamps not lit or burning during the quarter ending July 31, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application, May 31, 1864, by George McLaughlin and others for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is directed to give notice in the "American Standard," a newspaper published in this City, for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the regulation of North First street from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street, are on file in the City Clerk's office, in the city hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington Place, and that the Common Council of Jersey City will meet at the Common Council chamber, in said City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of August, instant, at eight o'clock, P. M., to consider said assessment and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice in the AMERICAN STANDARD, a newspaper published in this city for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the board of commissioners of assessments for the improvement of Wayne street, from the centre line of Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City, are on file in the city clerk's office, in the city hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington place, and that the common council of Jersey City will meet at the common council chamber, in said city hall, on Tuesday, the 16th day of August instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said assessment and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice in the AMERICAN STANDARD, a newspaper published in this city, for at least ten days, that the report, map, and schedule of the board of commissioners of assessments for the regulation of South Seventh street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, including intersections, are on file in the city clerk's office, in the city hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington place, and that the common council of Jersey City will meet at the common council chamber, in said city hall, on Tuesday, the 16th day of August instant, at 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said assessment, and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applica-



tions heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 31 Railroad avenue, in the Second Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Peter Lynch, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license as a public porter be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Robinson White, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry,

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon, and Pangborn.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of this city, to James Meany, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Jacob Stefan, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolutions were severally adopted.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, to whom was referred July 19, 1864, the petition of William W. Miller, to be appointed a city surveyor, reported back said petition with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

The report was received.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to make the appointment *viva voce*.

Whereupon, on his motion, William W. Miller was *viva voce* unanimously appointed a city surveyor.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Drayton & Durant, \$157 97; Matthew Erwin, \$142 54; Japhet Jardine, \$6 93; C. H. O'Neill, \$2 85; Hugh Reilly, \$31, and C. A. and C. H. Whitney, \$142 57.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Cornelius Bush, \$46 92; T. A. Chamberlain, \$24 58; H. E. Farrier, \$108; W. D. Garretson, \$108; J. W. Harrison, \$20 30; Hughes & Piaget, \$16 50, and Japhet Jardine, \$6 95.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. C. Curran, \$122.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Japhet Jardine, \$10 65; Thomas McCullough \$40, and W. F. Stocking, \$59 95.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Cornelius Murphy, \$188.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of F. P. Budden, \$37 50.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to purchase a tender for Steam Fire Engine No. 1, at a cost not to exceed six hundred and fifty dollars.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to sell the old engine known as Arresseoh No. 2, for one hundred and fifty dollars.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to sell an old horse carriage now lying in the almshouse yard, for twenty-five dollars.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of ten thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, payable December 20th, 1864; and that upon the requisition of said committee, the mayor and city clerk be authorized and requested to sign a city bond or bonds for the sum or to the amount above named, payable December 20th, 1864, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum, and that the corporate seal of the city be affixed to said bond.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon, and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow for a period not to exceed six months, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum, for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers or substitutes to be raised or furnished under the calls of the President of the United States; and that on the requisition of the said committee, the mayor and city clerk are empowered to issue under their hands and the corporate seal of the city, bonds to the party or parties from whom said monies shall be borrowed, and that when the said monies shall have been paid to the treasurer, warrants are hereby ordered to be drawn on that officer, from time to time, in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, in such sums as they may require, and on their requisitions to be filed in the city clerk's office—said committee to account to this Common Council for the expenditure by them of said monies.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon, and Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the following entitled ordinance presented June 7, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance for the assessment of an annual poll tax for the year ending May 1st, 1865, exclusive of poll tax."

The ordinance was considered and amended.

Alderman Decker moved as an amendment to fix the appropriation for support of fire department at six thousand dollars.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Decker and Terry.

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Finck, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon and Pangborn.

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Lennon and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That the Jersey City and Bergen Horse Railroad Company are hereby granted the privilege of taking their dummy cars through the streets of Jersey City to and from their repair

shop for the purpose of making necessary repairs thereto, provided, no passengers are carried in said dummies during their transit as herein named.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the vote was rescinded by which was ordered paid July 19, 1864, claim of Jas. McDermott, \$21 for labor on streets.

The claim was recommitted to Committee on Streets.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the petition presented May 17, 1864, of Levi W. Post, to be reappointed a city surveyor was taken from the table.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the petition was referred to the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, August 9, 1864, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the City Clerk, on motion of Alderman Quaife, Alderman Hough was appointed clerk pro tempore.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafaw, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Pangborn, and Terry.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk pro tempore, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL. }  
JERSEY CITY, July 18, 1864. }

GEO. W. CASSEDY, Esq., City Clerk:

Dear Sir: You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Common Council to be held at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of providing for the issue of Bonds to pay bounties.

Very respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Whereas, This common council, by resolutions passed 14th and 21st of June, and 5th of July, and approved the 16th and 24th of June, and 12th of July, did authorize the Committee on Enlistments to pay the sum of four hundred dollars to any citizen of Jersey City, who would furnish an acceptable substitute to serve in the army or navy of the United States; and

Whereas, This common council cannot under the present acts of the legislature legally borrow sufficient money to pay the above amount; therefore, be it

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to issue under the corporate seal of the city, city bonds in the sum of four hundred dollars each to any citizen of Jersey City who may have or shall hereafter furnish a substitute as provided in the resolutions named in the preamble to these resolutions, said bonds to be made payable one year from date, with interest at seven per cent per annum.

Resolved, That application be made to the legislature at its next session to legalize said bonds and provide for their redemption.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafaw and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Finck, Pangborn and Terry.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions passed July 12th, 1864, and approved July 15th, 1864, providing for the issuing of bonds, in the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars, for a period of fifteen and twenty-five years, at six per cent per annum, be and is hereby rescinded.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Whereas, On the first day of May, 1864, there had been issued by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, Coupon Bonds in the sum of three hundred and twenty-five thousand five

hundred dollars, and City Bonds in the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, for the payment of bounties to volunteers and substitutes, making a sum total of three hundred and sixty thousand five hundred dollars, issued on account of bounties to May 1st, 1864,

And whereas, of the above-mentioned amount the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars became due and was paid May 24th, 1864, leaving the sum of three hundred and twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars funded debt of soldiers bounty fund,

And whereas, by acts of the Legislature, passed March 21st, 1863, and February 19th, 1864, authority was given the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, to issue bonds to the amount of five hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars, for the purpose of raising money to pay bounties to volunteers and for other purposes relating to the maintenance of the Federal Government,

And whereas, under the acts aforesaid there remains the sum of two hundred and forty-three thousand five hundred dollars authorized to be borrowed upon the bonds of the city for the purposes named in the said acts.

And whereas, It becomes necessary in order to provide money to pay bounties to volunteers and substitutes, under resolutions passed by the common council at sundry times, to issue bonds to the amount authorized by the legislature; therefore

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance of this common council, two hundred and forty-three coupon bonds of the mayor and common council of Jersey City, New Jersey, of the sum of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from two hundred and sixty-six to five hundred and eight inclusive, be issued under the corporate seal of the said city to bearer, or to the order of the party or parties named in such requisition and for a period of twenty-five years, the said bonds to be dated November 1st, 1864, and the principal of said bonds to be payable November 1st, 1889, and drawn payable with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, the coupons to be made payable semi-annually on the 1st days of May and November in each year, at the Hudson County bank in Jersey City, or at the Merchants' Exchange bank, in the city of New York, at the option of the holder, in accordance with the advertisement of the said Committee on Finance. That the mayor and city clerk of Jersey City are hereby authorized and requested to sign said bonds and affix thereto the corporate seal of the city of Jersey City, the comptroller to countersign the same, and the treasurer to sign the coupons thereunto attached.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to advertise for proposals for said loan.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafaw and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Pangborn and Terry.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the board then adjourned.

W. I. HOUGH,  
Clerk pro tempore.





Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, August 16, 1864, at 7 o'clock P. M.  
In the absence of the city clerk on motion of Alderman Quaife, Alderman Hough was appointed clerk *pro tempore*.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Aldermen Finck, Gafney, and Kane, were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Pangborn and Terry.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 2d inst., and of the special meeting of the 9th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &C.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Communication from Adam Marz, president, inviting the common council to participate in the reception of Hexamer's First New Jersey battery on Friday, the 19th inst., on their return from the seat of war.

Received and accepted.

Applications of Owen McCue, Slaight & Dickinson, Rudolph Sailor, Henry J. Calle, John Bond, James Geary, Sabine Josephs, Deidrick Muller, John C. Bailey and Mrs. C. Casselmann for inn and tavern licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Applications of Michael Early, Charles Singer, Robert Gamble, Garret Hogan, and Henry F. Crawford for restaurant licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William Powley for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Patrick Waters for a license to keep a junk shop at 25 Sussex street in the First ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John O'Connor for an additional junk license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Cornelius Bush, \$46 92; T. A. Chamberlain, \$24 58; W. C. Curran, \$122 00; Thomas Cox, \$5 75; Drayton & Durant, \$157 97; John Eltringham, \$40 00; Matthew Irwin, \$142 54; H. E. Farrier, \$108 00; W. D. Garretson, \$108 00; J. W. Harrison, \$20 30; Hughes & Piaget, \$16 50; Japhet Jardine, \$10 65, \$6 95, and \$6 43; R. B. Kashow, \$22 93, and \$2 75; Thomas McCullough, \$40 00; C. H. O'Neil, \$2 85; Hugh Rielly, \$31 00; W. F. Stocking, \$59 95; and C. A. & C. H. Whitney, \$142 57.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, and referred to their appropriate committees. The rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of William Conner, \$36 00; John Gordon, 15 00; John Hogan, \$10 50; Michael Killeen, \$45 00; James McDonald, \$31 50; E. Olcott, Jr., [M. D. \$75 60; Patrick Quinn, \$10 50; and John Ryan, \$31 50.

A claim of Hugh Keenan, \$160 50, for superintending the improvement of Greene street, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets. The rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the report of the Committee on the same, and said claim was reported correct. The report was received, adopted and the claim was referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The clerk, *pro tempore*, laid before the Board the following communication from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 15th instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL  
Jersey City, Aug. 15, 1864.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have withheld my approval of a resolution passed by the Common Council, authorizing the sale of the old engine formerly used by Engine Company No. 2, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; because I believe the value of said old engine was not known to the different members at the time they voted for the resolution. I am under the impression that the engine is worth double, or more than double the sum named in the resolution; and that if you had been aware of the fact you would not have voted for the sale at that price.

The resolution is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

O. CLEVELAND.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the communication was laid upon the table until *miscellaneous business*.

A communication from his Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of Chanceman Peter Dolan, and suspension from pay of policeman Scott, on charges preferred against them by the chief of police, was presented, received, and with the charges referred to the Committee on Police.

(Alderman Kane appeared and took his seat.)

A communication from the comptroller, setting forth that he has examined the treasurer's vouchers from September 1st, 1863, to March 21, 1864, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the corporation attorney, in reference to two decisions made at the last term of supreme Court, in the matter of the assessment of taxes of 1862, on the property of the Bergen Railroad Company and Bergen Point Plank Road Company, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinance with power.

(Aldermen Finck and Gafney appeared and took their seats.)

The report of the chief of police for quarter ending July 31, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A report of the city clerk of approval by his honor the mayor, August 5, 1864, of the ordinance passed August 2, 1864, entitled "an ordinance for the assessment of an annual tax for the year ending May 1, 1865, exclusive of poll tax," was presented, received and ordered filed.

Reports of the city clerk of publication of notices of confirmation of assessments for improvements of South 7th street from Newark avenue to Brunswick street; Wayne street from Colgate street to the westerly boundary of the city; and North First street from Prospect street to Meadow street were presented received and ordered filed.

A report of the city clerk of publication of notice of application June 7, 1864, by Henry Finck and others, for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, &c., was presented, received and ordered filed.

The petition of D. S. Sinclair and others for extension of Washington street, referred to the corporation attorney, July 26, 1864, was reported back by the said officer the report setting forth that "no assessment being contemplated by the application there is no legal objection to it."

The report was received and the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets.



A certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due John J. Hill, on account of his contract for improvement of Greene street, &c., was presented, received and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of John J. Hill for the sum of eight hundred dollars, for amount due him on account of his contract for the improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Harsimus street, as appears by the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, presented this evening.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Finck, Pangborn and Terry.

By consent of the board the rules were suspended to enable Alderman Gaddis to present a communication from the working men of Jersey City, enclosing proceedings of a public meeting held by them for the purpose of taking measures relative to an increase of bounty to volunteers.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the board took a recess of fifteen minutes to enable parties present to be heard on the merits of the subject matter of the communication.

Messrs. Murdock and Tilden then addressed the board.

On the reassembling of the board, on motion of Alderman Gaddis the communication was referred to the Committee on Enlistments.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of North First street, from Prospect street to Meadow street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of North First street, from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street, including all intersections, be confirmed.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Pangborn, and Terry.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of Wayne street from Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City, the report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of Wayne street from the centre line of Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City be confirmed.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Pangborn and Terry.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of South 7th street from

Newark avenue to Brunswick street, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of South 7th street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street including all intersections, be confirmed.

On motion of Alderman Kane the report and resolution were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of Wayne street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Keeney and John R. Halladay for two thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and forty-one cents, balance due them on their contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Wayne street, from the center line of Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City; and, that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Delos E. Culver for one hundred and eight dollars and seventy-four cents, being the amount of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment map of the improvement of Wayne street, from the center line of Colgate street to the westerly boundary of Jersey City; and, that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Pangborn, and Terry.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of North First street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Keeney and John R. Halladay, for eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents, balance due them on their contract, for work and materials furnished in the improvement of North First street, from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street; and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Delos E. Culver, for seventy-nine dollars, being the amount of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment map of the improvement of North First street, from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street; and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Moore, for one hundred and three dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the improvement of North First street, from the easterly line of Prospect street to the westerly line of Meadow street; and that his Honor the Mayor be requested

to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Pangborn and Terry.

The Committee on Streets presented a report submitting two sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to improve the south side of Railroad avenue from Warren street to Prospect street, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened, read and found to be from John J. Hill and Dennis Byrnes.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That the two proposals, reported at this meeting by the Committee on Streets, opened and read, for the contract to improve the south side of Railroad avenue from the west line of Warren street to the east line of Prospect street be referred to the Committee on Streets, with authority to enter into a contract with the lower of said bidders, provided the said committee deem it to the interests of the city so to do; and that on the requisition of said committee, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the corporation attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee on Streets, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

[Alderman Finck obtained leave and retired.]

The Committee on Streets presented a report submitting three sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to improve Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Gregory street, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened and read, and found to be from John J. Hill, Dennis Byrnes and James McLaughlin.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted.

Resolved, That the three proposals, reported at this meeting by the Committee on Streets, opened and read, for the contract to improve Montgomery street, from the southerly side of Newark avenue to the northerly side of Gregory street including intersections, be referred to the Committee on Streets, with authority to enter into a contract with the lowest of said bidders, provided the said Committee deem it to the interests of the city to do so; and that on the requisition of said Committee the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the Corporation Attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee on Streets, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$11 51.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of S. Billington, \$31 00, and B. French, \$26 48.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Henry E. Farrier, \$54 00; W. D. Garretson, \$54 00; J. W. Harrison, \$41 25; Samuel Hetherington, \$1 50; and Smith & Lounsbery, \$16 00.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Joseph G. Edge, \$25 00, and Samuel Hetherington, \$1 00.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of T. L. Wilcox, \$8 25.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Samuel Hetherington, \$13 65, and David D. Labaw, \$440 42.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Longstaff, \$96 42.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of John B. Haight, \$45 10.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Officers and Elections.

Of John Coar, \$694 50; D. E. Culver, \$89 13; and John J. Hill, \$7,992 25.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the objections of his honor the mayor to approving resolution passed August 2, 1864, authorizing Committee on Fire and Water to sell old fire engine No. 2, for \$150 was taken from the table.

Alderman Nafew moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—President Clarke; and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Finck, Pangborn and Terry.

Under a suspension of the rules and with the consent of the board, Alderman Kane presented a remonstrance of Patrick Kilroy and others, against the confirmation of the assessment for improvement of South Seventh street, &c.

The remonstrance was referred to Committee on assessments.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Whereas, The Committee on enlistments of this board have invited the board of enrolment to sit in this city to hear exemptions prior to the next draft, and whereas, the board of enrolment have accepted the invitation, and have agreed to sit in this city for two or three days, commencing on Wednesday the 25th inst., therefore

Resolved, That the use of this room be granted to the said board in connection with an anti-room on that occasion, also,

Resolved, That each ward be requested to have all the parties enrolled in said wards duly notified so that all claimants for exemption can be on hand promptly.

Under a suspension of the rules and with the consent of the board, Alderman Quaife from the Committee on Assessments presented a communication from the board of commissioners of Assessments setting forth that William C. Traphagen is ineligible to act as commissioner of Assessment on the improvement of Prospect street from the north side of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved that Charles H. Atkins be appointed in place of W. C. Traphagen as commissioner of assessments.

The communication was received, and on motion



of Alderman Kane, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* a commissioner of assessment for the improvement of Prospect street, from the north side of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, in the place of William C. Traphagen, who is ineligible to act as commissioner on said assessment.

Whereupon on motion of Alderman Quaife, Charles H Atkins was *viva voce* unanimously appointed such commissioner of assessment.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Kane:

Whereas, Hexamer's battery, or battery A, of Hudson county is about to return home after an absence of three years of active service on the field of battle; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Common Council as well as the citizens in general to see that they are properly received on that occasion.

Resolved further, That a special committee of three be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for said reception.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted, and Aldermen Kane, Nafew, and Duff were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed August 2, 1864, authorizing the Committee on Fire and Water to sell an old hose-carriage for twenty-five dollars, be rescinded.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water are hereby authorized to advertise and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, an old Hose Cart, hose carriage, truck formerly used by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 and an old engine formerly used by Fire Engine Co. No. 2, all of said apparatus now lying at the Alms House Yard.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board then adjourned.

WASHINGTON I. HOUGH,  
Clerk pro tempore.

Special meeting at the common council chamber, Friday, September 2, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

In the absence of the city clerk on motion of Alderman Pangborn, Alderman Hough was appointed clerk *pro tempore*.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Quaife.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk *pro tempore*, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 2, 1864. }

GEORGE W. CASSEDY, Esq., City Clerk:

*Dear Sir*—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the common council, to be held in the council chamber this evening at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of considering the subject of bounties.

Very respectfully your obe't serv't,  
O. CLEVELAND.

The following communication from His Honor the Mayor was presented, received and ordered filed:

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, Sept. 2, 1864. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

Authority has been granted for the formation of a new regiment, with rendezvous at Camp Frelinghuysen at Newark, and it is believed that many recruits can be procured for such a regiment, who would not go into the old organizations. I have applied to the Adjutant General of the State for commissions, as recruiting and mustering lieutenants for several persons, and some of them have already commenced the work of recruiting, but it is found that the townships all about us are paying more bounty, and that Newark City, Bergen County, and other cities and counties are offering from five hundred to six hundred dollars bounty for one year men, for that regiment, and it is almost impossible to get men against such inducements.

As a remedy for the difficulty, I suggest that the bounty for men credited to Jersey City, under the present call of the president for 500,000 men, be advanced to an amount not less than five hundred dollars, and it would be better still, if that amount should be fixed upon, to authorize the Committee on Enlistments to advance the bounty further, from time to time, should they deem it necessary, to an amount not exceeding an additional one hundred dollars. I do not recommend the offering of a bounty at the present moment of more than five hundred because I am in hopes it may not be necessary. But if we recruit at all we must offer the same bounties as other towns.

Jersey City has long been a common recruiting ground for all parts of the State, and by offering a bounty always in advance of the amount offered

by us, the recruits have nearly all been induced to be credited elsewhere. Agents of some towns have come here and recruited enough to fill their whole quotas, taking the men at the very mement we were explaining our bounties to them, by simply stating the amount they would pay, which, being so far in excess of the amount we were authorized to offer, that the recruits could not be blamed for leaving us.

Some steps should be taken to prevent recruiting within the city limits, except for the credit of some ward in Jersey City, or of the city at large.

I am informed that the board of chosen freeholders of this county have passed a resolution offering a county bond, due in one year, and bearing seven per cent interest for four hundred dollars for each accepted man to count on the present quota, and that the bonds will be ready in a very few days for delivery. It is the intention of the board to issue to Jersey City a single bond, at the rate of four hundred dollars each, for all the men mustered to our credit up to this time on the present call, if we so desire, said bond to bear seven per cent interest, and that the board propose to get authority from the legislature, at its next session, to change such bonds for seven per cent coupon bonds. It is important that your honorable body should act promptly and hence the necessity of a special meeting.

I am very respectfully, your obe't serv't,  
O. CLEVELAND.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Gafney:

Whereas, other counties, cities and townships, in our State are paying higher bounties than our city, therefore be it

Resolved, That to place our city in as favorable a position as other localities, the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to offer such bounty as they may deem expedient not to exceed six hundred dollars for one year volunteers or substitutes to the extent of our quota.

Alderman Pangborn moved to amend the resolution by fixing the bounty at six hundred dollars absolutely.

Alderman Terry moved to amend Alderman Pangborn's motion by fixing the bounty at five hundred dollars.

The amendment to the amendment was lost, and the amendment was also lost.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Nafew, and Pangborn

Nays—Alderman Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Quaife.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then adjourned.

WASHINGTON I. HOUGH,  
Clerk *pro tempore*.





Regular meeting at the common council chamber, Tuesday, September 6, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the city clerk, on motion of Alderman McBride, Alderman Hough was appointed clerk *pro tempore*.

Present—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn Quaife and Terry.

Aldermen Edge, Drake, and Kane were absent at the calling of the roll, but during the reading of the minutes appeared and took their seats.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Lennon.

In the absence of the president on motion of Alderman Terry, Alderman Pangborn was appointed president *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 1864, and of the special meeting of September 2, 1864, were read and approved.

Alderman Kane being the only member of the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections present requested the appointment of a member of the board to act with him on said committee for the evening.

Whereupon Alderman Duff was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz :

Official bond of William W. Miller as a city surveyor, with A. H. Wallis and D. E. Culver sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Application of J. T. Brosnau, Matthew Reardon, Jacob Wilhelm, John Hoanok, Peter Oldenslager, Laughlin Doyle, Simon Hempleman and Patrick Toner for inn and tavern licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Applications of Charles Busch, B. Kellers and C. E. Reemsey for restaurant licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Hugh Killeen to be appointed a policeman.

Laid on the table, subsequently taken up and referred to Committee on Police.

Remonstrance of F. O. Matthiessen and W. A. Wiechers against the opening and extension of Washington street, southerly across Communipaw Bay to the Central railroad.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of F. O. Matthiessen and others, to have the roadway of Washington street from south side of Essex street to the middle line of Bergen street filled to the established grade, and paved with cobble stone, sidewalks filled, curbed, guttered and flagged four feet wide, &c.

Referred to corporation attorney.

Petition of F. O. Matthiessen and others, to have filled to the established grade, that part of Bergen street not occupied by the Morris Canal and Banking Company for the canal, being 28 feet wide on the north side of Bergen street, extending from the west side of Washington street to the west side of Warren street including intersections.

Referred to the corporation attorney.

Petition of Continental Screw Company by Chas. Bliven, president, D. S. Gregory and G. E. Winants for alteration of grade of parts of Warren, Bay, Washington and Harsimus streets, &c.

Referred to corporation attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of F. P. Budden, \$37.50 ; S. Billington, \$31 ; G. Ross Cary, \$11.51 ; John Coar, \$694.50 ; J. G. Edge, \$25 ; H. E. Farrier, \$54 ; B. French, \$26.48 ; W. D. Garretson, \$54 ; J. B. Haight, \$45.10 ; J. W. Harrison \$41.25 ; Samuel Hetherington, \$13.65, \$1.50 and \$1 ; David D. Labaw, \$440.42 ; John

Longstaff, \$96.42 ; Cornelius Murphy, \$188 ; and Smith and Lounsbury, \$16.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive reports of the committees on the same and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz :

Of Police Department, \$2,722.65 ; William Connor, \$38.25 ; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83.33 and \$50.53 ; S. D. Ellis, \$8.50 ; James Flynn, \$16.25 ; J. B. Haight, \$116.66 and \$25 ; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116.66 ; Michael Killeen, \$46.75 ; C. C. Martindale, \$58.33 ; R. D. McClelland, \$150 ; Thomas McCulloch, \$40 ; James McDonald, \$34 ; James Murphy, \$15.88 ; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62.50 ; J. D. Nolen, \$83.33 ; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$166.66 ; John Ryan, \$34 ; J. E. Scott, \$66.66 ; P. D. Vroom, \$62.50 ; and William Whitley, \$58.33.

Claims of John J. Hill, \$7,992.25, and D. E. Culver, \$89.13, for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Green street, from Steuben street to Harsimus street, referred to the Committee on Streets, August 16, 1864, were reported correct by said committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Michael Simmons on charges preferred against him by one of the aids to the Chief of Police, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Police.

The report of the Recorder for the quarter ending July 31, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of Joseph Van Doren, Gauger and Inspector of Domestic Liquors, for quarter ending August 1, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The Annual Report of the Board of Water Commissioners for the year ending July 1st, 1864, and accompanying documents, were presented, received, and referred to the Board of Water Commissioners to be printed in pamphlet form, and directing that after being printed they be delivered to the City Clerk and filed in his office.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during August 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, asking for the passage of an ordinance defining the duties of the Board of Fire Wardens, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

A certificate of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, of account of their contract for improvement on Provost street, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred August 16, 1864, the remonstrance of Patrick Kilroy and others, against the confirmation of the assessment for improvement of South 7th street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the remonstrance is too vague and indefinite for action by the Common Council, and recommending that the remonstrance be permitted to be taken from the files by the remonstrants if they elect so to do, and in default of such election, that the same be filed in the City Clerk's office, and further action thereon be indefinitely postponed.

The report was ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on motion of Alderman Finck.



The Committee on Fire and Water who were instructed by resolution passed August 16, 1864, to dispose by public auction of Fire apparatus, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that said apparatus were sold August 31, 1864, at public auction, and reporting the disposal of the proceeds of said sale.

The report was received and adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Terry, and Quaife.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Lennon.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described applications, heretofore referred to them, of the following named persons for restaurant licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received, and the resolutions were disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to Charles Singer to keep a restaurant at No. 127 Hudson street, in the First Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Robert Gamble to keep a restaurant at corner York and Greene streets, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to James Geary to keep a restaurant at No. 120 North 4th street, in the Fifth Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Garrett Hogan to keep a restaurant at No. 22 Pavonia avenue, in the Fifth Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Henry F. Crawford to keep a restaurant at northwest corner Newark avenue and Grove street in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Michael Earley to keep a restaurant at No. 31 Sussex street, in the First Ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Ege.

Absent—President Clarke and aldermen Decker, Gaddis, Lennon.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described applications heretofore referred to them, of the following named persons for inn and tavern licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports. The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to Slaughter & Dickinson to keep an inn and tavern at No. 90 Montgomery street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Mrs. C. Casselmann to keep an inn and tavern at No. 330 South Seventh street, in the Fourth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Diedrich Muller to keep an inn and tavern at No. — Pavonia avenue in the Fifth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John C. Bailey to keep an inn and tavern at No. 117 Hudson street in the First ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege, and Hough.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Lennon.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John Bond to keep an inn and tavern at 196 Warren street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Henry J. Callo to keep an inn and tavern at 278 Newark avenue in the Fourth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Rudolph Sailer to keep an inn and tavern at No. 287 South Eighth street in the Sixth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Sabine Josephs to keep an inn and tavern at No. 20 Favonia avenue in the Fifth ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege, Hough and Quaife.

Absent—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Lennon.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Owen McCue to keep an inn and tavern at 220 Grove street in the Fourth ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Ege and Hough.

Absent—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Lennon.

The Committee on Licenses presented a favorable report on the petition referred to them Aug. 16, 1864, of John O'Connor, for an additional junk license, the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That an additional license to junk shop No. 55 Prospect street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to John O'Connor, on his paying the license fees required by the Ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Lennon.

The Committee on Licenses presented a favorable report on the petition referred to them August 16, 1864, of Patrick Waters, for a junk shop license, the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 25 Sussex street, in the First Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Patrick Waters, on his paying the license fees required by the Ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Lennon.

The Committee on Licenses presented a favorable report on the petition referred to them August 16, 1864, of William Powley, for a license to ped-

dle meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables, the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to William Powley, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred August 16, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of Chance Policeman Dolan, and suspension from pay of Policeman Scott, on charges preferred against them by the chief of police, presented reports thereon, setting forth that they have investigated the charges, and both officers pleaded guilty, &c., the following resolutions accompanying the reports :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be authorized to reinstate Chance Policeman P. Dolan.

Resolved, That six days pay be deducted from the salary of Policeman Thomas Scott.

The reports were received, and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, to whom was referred August 2, 1864, the petition of Levi W. Post to be re-appointed a city surveyor, presented a favorable report thereon.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Kane, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of the same alderman, Levi W. Post was viva voce appointed a city surveyor.

The Committee on Sewers reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolutions passed July 19, 1864, appointing Monday, August 1st, 1864, and Monday, August 8, 1864, as the times for meetings of the Committee on Sewers for the purpose of hearing parties interested in the applications of George McLaughlin and others, for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, and of Henry Finck and others, for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue be and the same are hereby rescinded, for the reason that but one of the members of said committee was present at either of said meetings.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, who have under consideration the petition referred to them July 5, 1864, of George McLaughlin and others for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, and the estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Monday, September 19, 1864, at 8 o'clock p.m., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Sewers of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this common council, June 7, 1864, of George McLaughlin, and others for the construction of a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, from the easterly line of Erie street to the Hudson river, with laterals, &c., and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the board of water commissioners in their communication presented to this common council July 5, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers who have under con-

sideration the petition referred to them July 5, 1864, of Henry Finck and others, for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, &c., and the estimate from the board of water commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing :

Resolved, That Monday, September 26, 1864, at 8 o'clock p.m., and the committee room in the city hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Sewers of this common council will meet for the purpose of hearing on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this common council June 7, 1864, of Henry Finck and others, for the construction of a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, from the easterly side of Erie street to the tide water of the Hudson river, with laterals, &c., and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the board of water commissioners in their communication presented to this common council July 5, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Sewers who have under consideration the petition referred to them July 19, 1864, of John H. Hopken and others, for a main sewer in Montgomery street, &c., and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing :

Resolved, That Monday, September 19, 1864, at 8 o'clock, P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall, are hereby appointed as the time and place, when and where the Committee on Sewers of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this Common Council, June 14, 1864, of John H. Hopken and others, for the construction of a main sewer in Montgomery street, from Henderson street to the waters of the Hudson River, with laterals defined in plan of Water Commissioners, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the Corporation Paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the Board of Water Commissioners in their communication presented to this Common Council, July 19, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred this evening the certificate of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for improvement of Provost street, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Keeney and John R. Halladay, for fifteen hundred dollars, being the amount due to them on account of their contract for the improvement of Provost street from North 3d street to North 7th street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :



Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Lennon.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Drayton and Durant, \$90.09; R. B. Earle & Co., \$1.78; Matthew Erwin, \$80.85; E. Hope Jr., \$6; Hugh Reilly, \$17.77, and Terhune Brothers, \$9.90.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Cornelius Bush, \$52.84; T. A. Chamberlain, \$24.34 and \$21.94; N. H. De Nyse, \$11.25; Peter Doyle, \$25.75; John English, \$25.99; J. W. Harrison, \$27.58 and \$27.46; A. B. Reynolds, \$54.50; Charles Scott, \$62.51, \$50, and \$31.84.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. C. Curren, \$122; Jersey City and Hoboken Gas-Light Co., \$12.86, and J. F. Richardson, \$55.70.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of R. Gilchrist, \$28.33.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of J. L. Blackmore, \$18.23; Garret Cooper, \$16; J. S. Smith, \$45, and Terhune Brothers, \$12.75.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of H. A. Greene, \$24.50, and \$6; R. B. Kashow, \$130.11 and \$3.65; and A. G. Mason, \$165.30.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Burst & Co., \$23.63; Edward Caufield, \$10; R. B. Earle & Co., \$52.20; John Eltringham, \$40; David D. Labaw, \$124.50; Charles Scott, \$18.78, and Terhune Brothers, \$27.54.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Carroll, \$23.50.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of W. H. Smith, \$40.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of J. L. Blackmore, \$74.50.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

D. E. Culver \$77.50, and Terhune Brothers \$9.63.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

A claim was presented from the Board of Water Commissioners amounting to \$9,658.05, for water rents of 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1864, on public grounds and buildings, and fire hydrants in Jersey City.

Alderman Gafney moved

"That the claim be returned to the Board of Water Commissioners."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Gafney and Quaife:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clark, and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Lennon.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the following entitled ordinance presented May 31, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance to prohibit the destruction or molestation of birds within the limits of Jersey City."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Gafney and Nafew.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Lennon.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Edge, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled an ordinance to establish, regulate, and control a day and night police," approved January 27, 1863.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Earle and adopted:

Whereas, the Board of Education did at its last meeting resolve that it is expedient to erect a Public School House upon the lots recently purchased in South 1st street.

Therefore resolved, That the Committee on Schools be requested to confer with the Board of Education in relation to said proposed School House.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted.

Resolved, That the action of this Common Council, had July 19, 1864, accepting report of Committee on Streets, on certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay, under an assignment of James Ford, of a portion of his contract for improvement of South 8th street, and the resolution passed July 12, 1864, ordering Improvement Certificates in favor of Keeney & Halladay for one thousand dollars, under said certificate and assignment, be and the same are hereby rescinded, and that said certificate presented July 12, 1864, be referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Quaife and unanimously adopted: Whereas, we have heard with pride of the recent victories of our arms both by sea and land, therefore be it

Resolved, That a national salute of thirty-four guns be fired in this city, on Thursday, at 12 M., the 8th inst., and that the national colors be displayed during the day from all the public buildings in honor of the same, and that a special committee of three appointed by the chair be empowered to carry out the necessary arrangement contained in said resolution.

Also, resolved, That we earnestly recommend the citizens generally to display the national colors from their dwellings and otherwise to unite with the city authorities in an appropriate demonstration of joy and thanksgiving, that we may look forward with confidence to the Supreme ruler of the universe for a permanent and honorable peace.

Aldermen Quaife, Edge and Nafew were appointed the committee.

By Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That when the resolutions and assessments for the opening of Montgomery street from where said street intersects Warren street to where Montgomery street intersects Van Vorst and Gregory streets, be recorded in the assessment book, and signed by the proper officers in pursuance of resolution passed July 19, 1864, the said assessment shall be delivered to the collector of revenue to be collected according to law.

By Aldermen Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be, and are hereby authorized to have printed the necessary number of coupon bonds to meet the deposits under the last loan for money on account of soldiers bounty fund.

By Alderman Nafew, and adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of P. D. Vroom, city treasurer, for \$40.50 paid to *Evening Post*, and \$48.75 paid to New York *Times* for advertising proposals for 7 per cent. loan of Jersey City, said payments having been made by him at the request of Alderman Gaddis, chairman of committee on finance, receipts for the same being presented herewith.

By Alderman Gafney, and adopted:

Whereas the owners of property along the line of South Eighth street are dissatisfied with the improvement now being made thereon, averring that the improvement is being made contrary to the lines of said street as dedicated ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said matter be referred conjointly to the city attorney and committee on streets, with power to employ a suitable surveyor, in order to define the lines of said street.

By Alderman Quaife, and adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars be appropriated for the use of the special committee on firing salute, &c., on Thursday next.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board then adjourned.

WASHINGTON I. HOUGH,  
Clerk pro tempore.

Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, September 13, 1884, at 8 o'clock p. m., called by His Honor the Mayor at the request of Alderman Nafew, McBride and Edge "for the purpose of taking measures to extend the hospitalities of the city to the veterans of the 5th and 6th regiments of New Jersey Volunteers, lately returned from service in the cause of the country.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Quaife and Terry.

Less than a quorum being present, the president declared the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.









Washington Williams, Attorney, rent col- ored School to Aug. 1.....	\$ 31 25
John H. Lyon, printing and advertising,...	70 00
John Anness, sundries.....	36 67
Bumsted & Co., repairing School No. 1..	65 86
Chas. Scott, " " " " ..	113 63
" " " " " " ..	41 49
Chas. Van Brunt, " " " " ..	8 25
Job Male, for paid J. Newton Pierce.....	37 90
Thomas Howe, No. 1.....	36 28
Cronham & Wetterson, No. 1.....	90
Charlotte Garretson, cleaning No. 1.....	8 00
R. B. Earle & Co., mats.....	8 00
J. Newton Peirce, repairs school No. 2....	75 40
Chauncy Hummason, No. 2.....	615 96
W. C. Whyte, No. 2.....	292 39
B. McGuigan, No. 2.....	99 56
Cronham & Wetterson, No. 2.....	126 75
" " " " " " ..	3 78
Terhune Brothers, sundries, No. 2. ....	17 08
W. C. Whyte, repairs School No. 3.....	410 75
Hunter, Keeller & Co, No. 3.....	3 05
Japhet Jardine, No. 3.....	11 73
Charles Scott, No. 3.....	47 56
J. Newton Peirce, repairs No. 3.....	33 55
Terhune Brothers, sundries, No. 3.....	85
Peter Young, extra cleaning No. 2.....	20 00

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk Board of Education.

Jersey City, Sept. 12, 1864.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education, and for the amounts respectively named.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was recommended Sept. 6, 1864, their report on the remonstrance referred to them Aug. 16, 1864, of Patrick Kilroy and others, against the confirmation of the South 7th street assessment, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the remonstrance is too vague and indefinite for action by the Common Council, and recommending that the remonstrance be permitted to be taken from the files by the remonstrants if they elect so to do, and in default of such election, that the same be filed in the City Clerk's office, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported back as correct the communication referred to them July 12, 1864, of J. B. Romar, giving notice of the payment by him into the City Treasury of the sum of \$7,000 amount refunded by the State Treasurer for monies expended by the City for the payment of State allowance to families of volunteers.

The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described applications, heretofore referred to them, of the following named persons for restaurant licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports :

The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows :

Resolved, That a license be granted to C. E. Runsey, to keep a restaurant at No. 28 Montgomery street, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to B. Kellers, to keep a restaurant at No. 33 Sussex street, in the First Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a License be granted to Charles Busch, to keep a restaurant at No. 195 Warren street, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were adopted by the following

vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Ege.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described applications, heretofore referred to them, of the following named persons for inn and tavern licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports. The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows :

Resolved, That a license be granted to John T. Brosnan to keep an inn and tavern at No. 84 Montgomery street, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege, Hough and Quaife. (Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

Resolved, That a license be granted to Laughlin Doyle to keep an inn and tavern at corner of Warren and Mercer streets, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Ege, and Hough.

Absent—Alderman Earle.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Simon Hempelman to keep an inn and tavern at No. 159 Greene street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John Hoanok to keep an inn and tavern at No. 147 Morgan street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted Matthew Reardon to keep an inn and tavern at No. 209 Provost street in the Fifth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Peter Oldenschlager to keep an inn and tavern at the corner of North 3d and Prospect streets in the Fifth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Jacob Wilhelm to keep an inn and tavern at No. 150 Steuben street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Patrick Toner to keep an Inn and tavern at No. 4 Prospect street in the Second ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Ege, Hough and Quaife.

Absent—Alderman Earle.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz. :

Of M. C. Smith, \$100.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of G. E. Cutter, \$21 ; E. Hope, Jr., \$6 and Wm. Mitchell, \$6 96.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of G. W. Cassidy, \$10.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. J. Hill, \$12 and William Mitchell, \$17.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. J. Hill, \$28 57.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman McBride—

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of James Ford, for three thousand dollars, being the amount due him on his contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of South 8th street from Brunswick street to the westerly city limits, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Earle.

By Alderman Gaddis and adopted—

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of P. D. Vroom, city treasurer, for forty-two dollars and fifty cents paid the Tribune Association for advertising bounty loan by order of Committee on Finance, receipt herewith annexed.

(Alderman Earle appeared and took his seat.)

By Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to employ a suitable person to deliver notices of the assessments for Montgomery street opening, and also the tax notices, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Quaife:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, Kane, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

By Alderman Gaddis, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Committee on Enlistments for the sum of thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars to pay bounties to volunteers.

On motion of Alderman Edge, the following entitled ordinance, presented September 6, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz.:

A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish, regulate, and control a day and night police." Approved January 27, 1863.

Alderman Pangborn moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "forty" and inserting "thirty-six" as the number of patrolmen of the police department.

The motion was lost.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Gaddis, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

A supplement to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish, regulate, and control the appointment, duties and responsibilities of the pound masters in Jersey City."

On motion of Alderman McBride, the Board adjourned.

WASHINGTON I. HOUGH,  
Clerk pro tempore.

Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, September 27, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Hough and Nafew.

The call of the meeting was read by the city clerk and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, Sept. 26, 1864. }

GEORGE W. CASSEDY, Esq., City Clerk:

Dear Sir—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Common Council to be held to-morrow evening at half-past seven o'clock for the purpose of providing for raising money to pay bounties, and for other purposes connected with filling the quota of Jersey City.

Very respectfully

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance bonds of the city in sums not to exceed six hundred dollars each be issued by the mayor and city clerk under the corporate seal of the city to pay citizens furnishing substitutes to fill the quota of Jersey City, said bonds to be made payable in one year, and at the rate of seven per cent interest.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Hough and Nafew.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time as may be required a sum of not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars to be appropriated to the payment of substitutes and volunteers, said money to be borrowed for a period of not to exceed six months, to the payment of which loan the proceeds of the bonds to be issued by the board of chosen freeholders of Hudson county to the mayor and common council of Jersey City, for substitutes and volunteers furnished by said city in accordance with the resolution of said board of freeholders are hereby pledged, and on the requisition of said committee, city bonds are hereby ordered to be issued by the mayor and city clerk under the corporate seal of the city to the party or parties from whom the said monies shall be borrowed, and at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Hough and Nafew.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, October 4, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Alderman Earle was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Terry.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Sep. 20, 1864, and of the Special Meeting of Sep. 27, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Resignation of William Wheelan, as Judge of Election of the First Ward.

Accepted.

Official bond of Levi W. Post as a city surveyor, with S S Post and R. C. Bacot as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Philip Landmesser, for an inn and tavern license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Patrick Fallon, for a restaurant license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Michael Nugent, Policeman, for remuneration for loss of time, by reason of injuries received while in the discharge of his duty.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petitions of Michael C Manning and John A Donnelly, to be appointed Policemen.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of Thomas H West, and others, for abatement of nuisance, caused by stagnant water, &c.; on vacant lots fronting on York, Henderson and Montgomery streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Petition of John Egan, and others, to have the fence on the north side of the Erie Railway track removed, at the crossing of Coles street.

Referred to Committee on Railroads.

Communication from the National Quarantine and Sanitary Convention, giving notice of the postponement of their meeting, from October 25, until the spring of 1865.

Laid upon the table.

Petition of S Aloisen, and others, for the extension of Washington street, from its present termination at or near South street, to the road of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey.

Referred to Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Smith Mead, and others, for the extension of Washington street, from its present southerly termination, to the railroad, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of the Continental Screw Company for permission to erect a tight board fence, five feet from the building line, on the side-walks in the Second Ward in front of their vacant lots, where they intend to erect buildings, the same to be removed when the buildings are completed.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power.

Petition of Charles V Hillyer, to be appointed to a scholarship in Columbia College.

Laid upon the table, and subsequently, in miscellaneous business, on motion of Alderman Pangborn, the petition was taken from the table, and Charles V Hillyer was appointed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of J. L. Blackmore, \$74 50; G. E. Cutter, \$21; Robert Gilchrist, \$26 38; J. J. Hill, \$28 57 and \$12; E. Hope, Jr., \$6; William Mitchell, \$6 96; M. C. Smith, \$100.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same and said claims, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Police Department, \$2,658 16; Nathaniel Ellis, \$40 61; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 66; J. B. Haight, \$116 66; J. E. Scott, \$66 66; J. G. Edge, \$90 75; C C Martindale, \$58 33; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 33; J D Nolan, \$83 33; J B Haight, \$25; Geo W Cassidy, \$166 66; R D McClelland, \$150; S C McLaughlin, \$62 50, and William Whitley, \$58 33.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

Alderman Finck from the Committee on Assessments, presented the report, map, and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the improvement of Greene street, from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street; and the same were received and ordered filed in the city clerk's office.

The report of Michael M'Keone, Gauger and Inspector of domestic liquors, for the quarter ending Sept. 19, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lighted or burning during September, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

A communication from the Comptroller, setting forth that he has examined the vouchers of the City Treasurer for the months of March, from the 21st inst., April, May, June and July, 1864, and finds the same correct, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A certificate of F J Mallory, City Surveyor, of amount due Keeney & Halladay in improvement certificates on account of their contract for the improvement of Provost street, etc, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The petition of Thomas Minford and others, for the extension of Warren street, referred to the Corporation Attorney, Sept. 20, 1864, was reported back by said officer as not approved, the Central Railroad not being constructed within the limits of the City, south of Warren street.

The report was accepted and the petition ordered filed.

The petition of John Meara and others for the extension of Warren street, referred to the Corporation Attorney, Sept. 20, 1864, was reported back by said officer as not approved, the Central Railroad not being constructed within the limits of the City south of Warren street.

The report was accepted and the petition ordered filed.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held at their room on Monday evening, October 3, 1864.

It was resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

That requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims:

The Board of Education for the payment of the salaries of teachers, for the quarter ending with the present month.....	\$5,200 00
The clerk of the board of education for salary three months to Oct 31.....	25 00
Bernard McGuigan repairing stoves for	
School No. 2.....	19 50
H. A. Greene for stationery for No. 2...	5 00

P. D. VROOM,  
Clerk Board of Education.

Jersey City, Oct. 4, 1864.

The requisition was received, and subsequently, in miscellaneous business, on motion of Alderman Earle, it was



Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education and for the amounts respectively named.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of notices of applications June 14, 1864, by John H. Hopken and others, for a main sewer in Montgomery street, &c.; June 7, 1864, by Henry Finck and others, for main sewer in Pavonia avenue, &c.; and May 31, 1864, by George McLaughlin and others, for main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, &c.

The reports were received, and ordered filed.

The City Clerk presented a report of the approval by his honor the Mayor, Sept. 30, 1864, of the ordinance passed Sept. 20, 1864, entitled "Supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish, regulate, and control a day and night police,' approved January 27, 1863."

The report was received, and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, enclosing returns of the following elections in and resignation from said department, confirmed by the Fire Commissioners, election of Horatio Read, jr., by Engine Co. No. 1; John McDonough, by Engine Co. No. 2; James Conroy, by Engine Co. No. 3; Thomas K. Halstead, by Engine Co. No. 5; and George W. Denver, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

Resignation of Theodore A. Tupper from Engine Co. No. 5.

The communications were received, and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice in the *American Standard*, a newspaper published in this city, for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the regulation and improvement of Greene street, from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street, are on file in the city clerk's office, in the City Hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington place, and that the Common Council of Jersey City will meet at the Common Council Chamber in said City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of October, 1864, at eight o'clock P. M., to consider said assessment, and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licences presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them, of the following named parties for inn and tavern licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to Henry Lohmann to keep an inn and tavern at No. 211 Grove street, in the Third Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John McCoy to keep an inn and tavern at No. 234 Grove street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaise.

Nays—Aldermen Edge and Hough.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis and Terry.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to whom was referred September 20, 1864,

the petition of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, for permission to occupy the hose house adjoining their truck house, and for an appropriation to enable them to repair said houses, etc., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the resolution passed June 23, 1864, authorizing the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to have the walls of hose house No. 3 taken down be rescinded.

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to the use of Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, for the purpose of putting their truck house and the hose house adjoining in repair, and for this purpose a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, for the sum of seven hundred dollars, said amount to be in full for all demands against the city for repairing said houses, said warrant to be drawn in favor of said Truck Co. when Hose Co. No. 3 vacate the house now occupied by them.

The report was received, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom were referred, July 19, 1864, the petition of Henry Finck and others, for a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, &c., and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., and June 14, 1864, the remonstrances of C V Traphagen and others, and Edward Coles and others, against the construction of said sewer, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, on the seventh day of June, 1864, an application was made to the Common Council of Jersey City for the construction of a main sewer in Pavonia avenue, from the easterly side of Erie street to tide water of the Hudson river, with laterals, and notice for objections to the same having been duly published, and the time for a hearing appointed; and whereas no sufficient objections to the construction of said sewer have been made or presented, therefore

Resolved, That a main sewer in Pavonia avenue from the easterly side of Erie street to tide water of the Hudson river, with laterals in Erie street from North 2d street to Pavonia avenue, in Grove street from North 2d street to Pavonia avenue, in Prospect street from North 2d street to Pavonia avenue, in Provost street from North 2d street to Pavonia avenue, in Meadow street from North 2d street to Pavonia avenue, in North 1st street from a point 100 feet east of Jersey avenue to Erie street; also, from a point 100 feet east of Erie street to Grove street; also, from a point 100 feet east of Grove street to Prospect street; also, from a point 100 feet east of Prospect street to Provost street; also, from a point 100 feet east of Provost street to Meadow street, to be built in all essential particulars conformable to the Sewerage Act and the supplements thereto, ought to be constructed, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Board of Water Commissioners of this decision and determination of the Common Council.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolution were adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken—

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaise.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis and Terry.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom were referred July 19, 1864, the petition of George McLaughlin, and others, for a main sewer in Bay or South 9th street, &c., and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said sewer, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the

adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, on the 31st day of May, 1864, an application was made to the Common Council of Jersey City for the construction of a main sewer in Bay or South Ninth street, from the easterly line of Erie street to Hudson River with lateral sewers, and notice for objections to the same having been duly published, and the time for a hearing appointed, and

Whereas, no sufficient objections to the construction of said sewer have been made or presented; therefore,

Resolved, That a main sewer in Bay or South Ninth street, from the easterly line of Erie street to the Hudson River, with lateral sewers in Grove street, from a point 100 feet north of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street; in Prospect street, from points 100 feet north of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street; in Provost street, from a point 100 feet northerly and southerly of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street; in Warren street, from a point 100 feet northerly and southerly of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street; to the main sewer in Bay street; in Washington street, from points 100 feet northerly and southerly of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street; in Greene street, from points 100 feet northerly and southerly of Bay street, to the main sewer in Bay street, ought to be constructed, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to notify the Board of Water Commissioners of this decision and determination of the Common Council.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennan, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nay—Alderman Edge.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis, Earle and Terry.

The Committee on Sewers to whom were referred July 19, 1864, the petition of John H Hopken and others for a main sewer in Montgomery street from Henderson street to the Hudson river, with laterals, etc., and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said sewer, etc., presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, etc.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred August 18, 1864, the petition of D S Sinclair and others, for extension of Washington street, etc., and to whom was referred September 6, 1864, the remonstrance of F O Matthiesson and W A Weichers, against the extension of Washington street, etc., presented a report thereon accompanied by the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, There has been a road or pier constructed in tide waters along the southerly side of Jersey City, from Van Vorst street to the Hudson river on the east side of the City, and also a pier running from South street, near Washington street, in a southerly direction so as to connect with the said road or pier first above mentioned, and whereas application has been made to this Board to order some public communication by land with said road or pier first here-in described, and it appearing that the commercial interests of Jersey City and the convenience of the residents thereof will be promoted by said improvement. Therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That Washington street at its present width, except forty feet thereof, as herein-after provided for, be and the same is hereby ordered to be extended by filling in the same from its present southerly termination at or near South street to the road or pier in the preamble hereto first above mentioned, and that the same be done by the owners of the shore along South street from the Hudson river to a point distant seventy-

five feet west of the westerly side of Washington street.

Sec. 2. And it is hereby further ordered, that a draw-bridge, forty feet in length, be constructed by the said owners on some part of the said street, when the same shall have been constructed, in order to afford a passage way for vessels, from the North river, through the South Basin of the Mc-ris Canal to and into the waters lying north of the said road or pier first above mentioned, and west of said Washington street, and from said waters through said basin into the Hudson river.

Sec. 3d. And it is hereby further ordered, that said improvement be proceeded with without delay, after service of a copy of this preamble and these resolutions on the said owners, and that the same be done under the directions of the Committee on Streets of this Common Council.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Gafney, the preamble and resolutions were ordered to lie upon the table until the next regular meeting.

The Committee on Streets reported back, as disposed of by resolution passed Sept. 20, 1864, the certificate, referred to them at said date, of F J Mallory, city surveyor, of amount due James Ford, on account of his contract for improvement of South Eighth street, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

(Alderman Earle appeared and took his seat.)

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G Ross Cary, \$4 11.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Matthew Erwin, \$58 64; Joseph Pye, \$30;

Hugh Reilly, \$33 33; J W Schanck, \$434 25; W J B Smith, \$1,103 87. and B F Woolsey, \$49 25.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of O'Connor & Pearson, \$22 75, \$15 05, and \$1 87; David Smith, \$5; and B F Woolsey, \$1.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W C Curren, \$122; and J F Richardson, \$65 15.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Thomas McCullough, \$40.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Newton & Prior, \$1 95.

Referred to Committee on Salaries; Offices and Elections.

Of William Connor, \$27; Michael Killeen, \$33; James McDermott, \$50 and \$40; James McDonald \$24, and John Ryan, \$24.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman McBride and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for sixty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents in favor of Dr H P Peet, Principal of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb at Washington Heights, New York. That amount being necessary to pay for the board and tuition of Mary Fullam for the six months commencing on the 1st of September, and to be taken from the appropriation for the support of out door poor and City Hospital.

By Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to pay a bounty of eight hundred dollars to volunteers to the extent of the deficiency of our quota. And that on the requisition of the Finance Committee city bonds of one thousand dollars each are hereby ordered to be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal of the City to such an amount as will pay the bounty to the deficiency of our quota.



The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege and Quaihe.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Terry.

By Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Committee on Enlistments for thirty thousand dollars, for moneys expended and to be accounted for by them, the same having been borrowed temporarily from the City Treasury, to be immediately replaced by loan to be made under a resolution of the Common Council passed Sept. 27th, and approved Sept. 29th, 1864, authorizing a loan not to exceed \$100,000 for bounties and substitutes.

By Alderman Decker, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, for thirty thousand dollars, for moneys expended and to be accounted for by them, the same having been borrowed from the Hudson County Bank and A C Durbin, under a resolution of the Common Council, passed Sept. 27, and approved Sept. 29, 1864, authorizing a loan not to exceed \$100,000 for bounties and substitutes.

By Alderman Decker, and adopted:

Resolved, That a city warrant be drawn in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, for sixty-three thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty cents (\$63,394 50), for moneys expended and to be accounted for by them; being the balance of the moneys raised by temporary loans for bounty purposes, to be repaid from the funded 7 per cent. loan of twenty-five years of \$243,000.

By Alderman Ege, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on public grounds and buildings are hereby authorized to sell at public auction lot No. 26, Bright street, in block 270 Bacon's City Map, adjoining Public School House No. 3, after advertising one week in the city papers.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Ege, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

"An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to authorize the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets of Jersey City.'"

On motion of Alderman Decker, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Ward Clerk and two Judges of Election for the first ward, to fill existing vacancies;

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Decker, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Edgar S Knapp was viva voce unanimously appointed Ward Clerk for the first ward; and on motion of the same Alderman, Samuel M. Chambers and Michael Cary were viva voce unanimously appointed Judges of Election for the first ward.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Ward Clerk and one Judge of Election for the fourth ward.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and John H Losey was viva voce unanimously appointed Ward Clerk for the fourth ward.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Judge of Election for the fourth ward. John H Ward was nominated by Alderman Pangborn; Dennis Simmons was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

Aldermen Ege and Decker were appointed tellers, and a balloting was had as follows:

John H Ward received five votes.

Dennis Simmons received nine votes.

One blank was cast.

Alderman Pangborn withdrew the name of John H Ward, and, on motion of Alderman Nafew, Dennis Simmons was viva voce unanimously appointed Judge of Election for the fourth ward.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Judge of Election for the third ward; and on motion of the same Alderman, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and William H Conway was viva voce unanimously appointed Judge of Election for the third ward.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Commissioner of Appeals for the third ward; and on motion of the same Alderman, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Isaac I Vandenbeek was viva voce unanimously appointed Commissioner of Appeals for the third ward.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Commissioner of Appeals for the Second Ward; and on motion of the said alderman, William W. Knight was, viva voce, unanimously appointed Commissioner of Appeals for the Second Ward.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Commissioner of Appeals for the Fourth Ward; and on motion of the same alderman, Daniel Fielding was viva voce, unanimously appointed Commissioner of Appeals for the Fourth Ward.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, October 18, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 4th inst. were read and approved.

Alderman Edg3 obtained leave and retired.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of B. F. Champney, to have refunded the sum of five dollars paid by him towards defraying the preliminary expenses for opening Montgomery street, etc.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Petition of J. Martin and others for extension of time for payment of assessment for opening Montgomery street, without interest.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Petition of David Kemp for correction of error in assessment on his lot, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of W. R. Drayton for the issue of an improvement certificate in the place of one lost by him, being No. 354, issued to Daniel. W. Culver for \$196 67, for regulating Provost street, etc.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of B. O. Edge for cancellation of sale of lots erroneously sold for taxes of 1862, and to have refunded purchase money paid by him at said sale, etc.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Patrick Flinn and others for the erection of an oil lamp at the corner of South 6th and Brunswick streets.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of J. W. Hancox to have the gas lamp at the South-west corner of Grand and Warren streets put in repair, etc.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Jacob Heim for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Applications of George Hunter, Otto Meyer and Philip F. Meschutt for Inn and Tavern licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of William Sloane for a transfer of James Meany's fish peddler's license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petitions of W. J. Wall and Michael Ward to be appointed policemen.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of U. S. Telegraph Co., by E. G. Clark, agent, for permission to set their telegraph poles, connecting with their present line, at the corner of North Second and Provost streets; thence along Provost street to the Jersey City and Hoboken Horse Railroad; and along said railroad to the northerly boundary of Jersey City; also to alter their present line so as to continue up Washington street to South Eighth street; thence up the south side of South Eighth street to Prospect street, instead of from Washington street up South Ninth street to Prospect street, as at present located.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets with power.

Remonstrance of Edward Evans, P. H. Zabriskie and D. S. Manners, against the extension of Washington street, &c.

Laid upon the table on motion of alderman Gafney.

Remonstrance of P. H. Zabriskie and others, against the extension of Washington street from its present termination, to the Central Railroad, &c.

Laid upon the table on motion of alderman Gafney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of W C Curren, \$122 00; William Conner, \$27; G R Cary, \$4 11; G W Cassidy, \$10 00; John English, \$22 99; Matthew Erwin, \$58 64; Michael Kiileen, \$33 00; Thomas McCullough, \$40 00; James McDermott, \$50 00 and \$40 00; James McDonald, \$24 00; William Mitchell, \$17 00; Newton & Prior, \$1 95; O'Conner & Pearson, \$22 75; \$15 05 and \$1 87; Joseph Pye, \$30 00; Hugh Reilly, \$33 33; J F Richardson, \$65 15; John Ryan, \$24 00; J W Schanck, \$434 25; Daniel Smith, \$5 00; W J B Smith, \$1,103 87; W H Smith, \$40, and B E Woolsey, \$1 00.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same and said claims, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Drayton & Durant, \$97 75; William King, \$15 00, and C A & C H Whitney, \$123 26.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The petitions of Smith Mead and others, and S. Alofsen and others, for extension of Washington street, &c., referred to the Corporation Attorney, Oct. 6, 1864, were reported back by said officer as drawn in proper form, being auxiliary to one heretofore presented and approved, etc.

The reports were received, and the petitions referred to the Committee on Streets.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, in improvement certificates on account of his contract for the improvement of Montgomery street, &c., was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A receipt of the City Treasurer for one hundred and thirty-five dollars and ten cents, amount paid by Dennis Byrnes, contractor, for improvement of Montgomery street, for curb and flagging removed from line of said street, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A certificate of the Comptroller of amount due Board of Water Commissioners on account of Water Rents and Sewers, collected by the City, was presented, received, and on motion of Alderman Gaddis it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Board of Water Commissioners for the sum of one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents, being amount collected by the City on account of Water Rents and Sewers, and standing to the credit of the Board of Water Commissioners as appears by the certificate of the Comptroller, presented this evening.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Alms returned the claim referred to them Oct. 4, 1864, of B. F. Woolsey, \$49 25.

The claim was referred to the Joint Committee on Police and Fire and Water.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the resolution passed October 4, 1864, appointing Tuesday Oct. 18, 1864, as the time for receiving written objections to the confirmation of the assessments for the improvement of Greene street, from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street be, and the same is, hereby rescinded.

Resolved, that the city clerk be directed to give notice in the *American Standard*, a newspaper published in this city, for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the regulation and improvement of Greene street, from the north side



of Steuben street to the south side of Harstimus street, are on file in the city clerk's office, in the City Hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington place, and that the Common Council of Jersey City will meet at the Common Council Chamber in said City Hall, on Tuesday the first day of November, 1864, at eight o'clock P. M., to consider said assessment and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Sept. 6, 1864, the official bond of W. W. Miller as a city surveyor, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of William W. Miller, as a city surveyor, executed by him as principal, and by A. H. Wallis and Delos E. Culver as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, Oct. 6, 1864, the official bond of L. W. Post, as a city surveyor, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Levi W. Post, as city surveyor, executed by him as principal, and by Simeon S. Post and Robert C. Baeot as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, August 16, 1864, the communication from the Comptroller, setting forth that he has examined the Treasurer's vouchers from Sept. 1, 1863, to March 21, 1864, and finds the same correct, etc., presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Comptroller, dated August 16, 1864, be accepted and filed, and that a warrant is hereby ordered drawn in favor of the Treasurer for \$20,627 79 cents, amount of monies placed here for county taxes of 1863.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted;

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred Sept. 20, 1864, the petition of J. J. Winants, for permission to redeem lot 63, Steuben street, in block 48, from sale made February, 7, 1862, for Wayne street sewer assessment, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to James J. Winants, to redeem lot 63 Steuben street, in block 48, from the sale made to the City Treasurer, February 7th, 1862, for Wayne street, Newark and Railroad avenue sewer assessment, the time for redemption having expired; provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lot was sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, etc.)

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lamps to whom was referred Sept. 20, 1864, the petition of George Smith and others, to have the oil lamp at the corner of Warren and Steuben streets removed and a gas lamp erected in its place, &c., presented a report there-

on, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have the oil lamp corner of Warren and Steuben streets removed and a gas lamp erected in its stead.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred Oct. 4, 1864, the petition of Philip Landmesser for an inn and tavern license, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license be granted to Philip Landmesser to keep an inn and tavern at No. 233 Grand street, in the Third Ward of Jersey City.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege and Hough.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Edge.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred Oct. 4, 1864, the petition of Patrick Fallon for a restaurant license, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license be granted to Patrick Fallon to keep a restaurant at No. 29 Sussex street, in the First Ward of Jersey City.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Ege and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Edge.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, who were instructed by resolution, passed June 28, 1864, to report plans and specifications for a house for Hose Company No. 3, presented a report thereon, submitting plans and specifications of said hose house, the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the plans and specifications of a house for Hose Company No. 3, reported at this meeting, be approved, and that the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be and are hereby authorized to advertise in the city papers one week for proposals for the erection of Hose house, in accordance with plans and specifications herewith presented.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, October 4, 1864, the certificate of F. J. Mallory, city surveyor, of amount due Keeney and Halladay in improvement certificates, on account of their contract for improvement of Provost street etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Messrs. Keeney and Halladay for the sum of four thousand dollars, being the amount due to them on account of their contract for the improvement of Provost street from North 3d street to North 7th street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege Finck, Gaddis, Gainey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Edge.

The Committee on Streets, who had under consideration the petition referred to them Sept. 20, 1864, of F. O. Matthiessen and others for improvement of Bergen street etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing:

Resolved, That Wednesday, November 16, 1864, at half-past seven, P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the Common Council, September 6, 1864, of F. O. Matthiessen and others, to have Bergen street from Washington to Warren street, filled to the established grade, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, who have under consideration the petition referred to them Sept. 20, 1864, of F. O. Matthiessen and others, for improvement of Washington street, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Wednesday the 16th November, 1864, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and the committee Room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the Common Council September 6th, 1864, of James R. Thompson and others, to have Washington street, from Essex street to Bergen street, filled to the established grade, curbed, guttered and paved with cobble stone, &c., &c., and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of F P Gautier & Co., \$9 27; Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$38 53, and Woolsey & Terry, \$3 00.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of N H De Nyse, \$7 50; Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$121 40; J W Harrison, \$23 80, and John H Sickles, \$188 75.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Company, \$2,516 87.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Dodge & Co., \$98 50; and Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Co., \$121 48.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of H A Greene, \$25 50.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of D E Culver, \$17 50; John Eltringham, \$40; F P Gautier & Co., \$52 04; Jersey City & Hoboken Gaslight Co., \$37 08, and Woolsey & Terry, \$29.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of T F Morris, \$75 00.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of John Coar, \$694 50; D E Culver, \$7 50, and F J Mallory, \$10 00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received, and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Kane.

Resolved, That the polls in the First, Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Wards, at the approaching election, Nov. 8, 1864, be held in the same places, in which the last annual charter election was held, and in the Fourth Ward at No. 122 Newark avenue.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the resolution was amended so as to read "in the Third Ward at the house of Engine Company No. 5 in Mercer street."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

By Alderman Nafew, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to purchase india rubber hose for steam fire engine No. 1, and the cost not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

By Alderman Nafew, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police are hereby authorized to discontinue the ringing of the fire bell at the hours of six o'clock A. M., twelve o'clock M., and six o'clock P. M., said bell to be rung only in case of fire; and that all resolutions heretofore passed ordering said bell to be rung at the hours above named be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

By Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Haight, agent for payment of State allowance to the families of volunteers, for the sum of six thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents, being amount paid out by said agent to the families of volunteers, and refunded by the State Treasurer to the City Treasurer and by him deposited in the treasury.

On motion of Alderman Hough, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 4th inst., was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to authorize the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets of Jersey City.'"

The ordinance was amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gainey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Edge.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the following entitled ordinance, presented September 20, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

"A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish, regulate and control the appointment, duties and responsibilities of the Pound Masters in Jersey City.'"

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gainey, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Edge.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, November 1st, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennox, McBride, Nawef, Pangborn, Quailé and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake Edge, Gaddis and Gafney.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 18, 1864, were read and approved.

Alderman Kane being the only member of the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections present, requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said committee for the evening.

Whereupon Alderman Duff was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Invitation from Liberty Fire Engine Co. No. 1, to participate in reception of Steam Fire Engine on Thursday, November 3d, 1864, to witness trial and partake of collation, &c.

Accepted.

Petition of Joseph W. Morgan for cancellation of sale of lot 58 York street, sold February 3d, 1859, for water rents, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Isabella G. Clement for a declaration of sale of lot 26 and part 25 Morris street, in block 17, sol. July 19, 1861, for taxes of 1860, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Applications of Wm. Sleight, J. C. Hopkins, jr., Hugh Reilly, and J. G. Berrian, for inn and tavern licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Felix Dolan for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Lawrence Burke to be appointed a chance policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of William B. Perkins to be appointed a policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of E. Hope, jr., and others, for a receiving basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, south side, at a point 100 feet easterly from Southeast corner of Prospect street and Railroad avenue.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Keeney and Halladay and others to have withdrawn permission heretofore granted to Colwell & Co., to close up and occupy a part of South 8th street for the purpose of a ship yard.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz:

Of John Coar, \$694 50; D. E. Culver, \$7 50; N. H. DeNyse, \$7 50; John Eltringham, \$40 00; Jersey City and Hoboken Gaslight Co., \$2,516 87; \$121 40; and \$37 08; F. P. Gautier & Co., \$52 04; H. A. Greene, \$25 50; J. W. Harrison, \$23 80; F. J. Mallory, \$10 00; Theodore F. Morris, \$75; John H. Sickles, \$188 75; and Woolsey & Terry, \$29 00.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, and referred to their appropriate committees.

The rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of J. V. Hardenerbergh, \$116 68; J. B. Haight, \$116 68, and \$25; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 34; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; Joseph H. Rommel, \$25 00; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$166 68; William Whitley, \$58 34; R. D. McClelland, \$150 00; John D. Nolan, \$83 34; F. P. Budden, \$37 50; J. E. Scott,

\$66 68; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50; and C. C. Martindale, \$58 34.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from His Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 1st instant, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL,  
Jersey City, Oct. 29, 1864. }

#### *The Honorable the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith return without my approval, an ordinance entitled an ordinance supplementary to the ordinance entitled "an ordinance to authorize the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets of Jersey City," passed on the 18th and presented to me on the 26th inst. The original ordinance, passed in 1859, declared that the track must be laid in the centre of the streets, but this supplement leaves the Company to lay the rails on either side or in any part of the street they may see fit, for their own purposes, while, with a due regard for the rights of all property owners, your honorable body should see that the track is laid only in the centre of the street, and should so ordain.

That omission is, to my mind, fatal to the ordinance; but I have other objections. When it is proposed to grant the privilege to a company, to obstruct the free use of the streets by laying down rails upon them, the first consideration should be, whether the city itself or any number of its inhabitants, are to be benefitted by the proposed obstruction. In the present case, it is clear that *no benefit* is to be conferred upon any portion of our people, because, by laying the proposed track no traveling facility, not now possessed, is granted to the people.

The piece of track to be laid in Montgomery street, from Warren to Gregory streets, can not be used unless cars are to be run both ways in Montgomery street from Warren to the Ferry, which I do not suppose would, for a moment, be sanctioned by the Common Council. And certainly no one will claim that the piece of track to be laid from Grove street to Jersey avenue, in Montgomery street, with no outlet at Jersey avenue, will facilitate travel to any extent, nor even that the company will pretend to make any use of said track for a long time to come, and it is time enough to obstruct the streets with tracks, when the company need them for use. The conduct of the company has not been such, in the past, as to lead us to believe they will maintain a section of road, and run cars up and down it, without pay: and it is plain that this section, if used at all, would not pay while there are other, and main lines, crossing Jersey avenue, within three blocks either way from Montgomery street. The only possible way the track could be used, would be by starting a car from the Ferry and running it up to Jersey avenue, then starting back down the same track to Gregory street, and thence into and down York street. A line so short, of course, the company will not run.

I wrote to the Superintendent of the road asking for information, but none has been furnished, and I am forced to the conclusion that the only object the company can have, in applying *now* for the privilege of laying these pieces of track, is to get possession of the street, for the purpose of running up Montgomery street to Bergen at a future time, when the street is cut through, and as that improvement will not be made yet for two or three years, it seems to me very undesirable to further cut up the streets, only for the purpose of allaying the fears of this company, that some other



person, or company, may, at some future time, apply for and get the privilege to lay rails in that street, and thus finally reach Bergen in competition with them.

Loaded teams cannot pass to or from the Ferries without passing along these tracks, to their great danger and inconvenience, and your honorable body should prevent the further laying of such track, except in cases where they are required for the actual convenience of the travelling public.

But if none of these objections should be considered sufficient, there is one which would prevent the company from laying the proposed track, even if your honorable body should allow the ordinance to take effect; and that is the *want of power in their own Charter* to lay tracks about Jersey City, even when such tracks would work to the benefit of the inhabitants of Jersey City. All tracks laid by the company must be branches only of the main road, and the main road is made by their Charter to run from the Newark turnpike to Bergen Point, with *branches only* to the Ferries, etc. On page 369 of the Charter of acts relating to, or affecting, Jersey City, published by the Common Council in 1863, will be found, in section 6 of the act chartering the Bergen Railroad Company, the powers granted by the State Legislature to be as follows: "Construct a railroad from some point on the Kill Van Kull, at or near Bergen Point, to the Newark turnpike road leading from Jersey City to Newark, *with the privilege* of constructing one or more *branches*, extending to the several ferries in the county of Hudson, south of the city of Hoboken, said road not exceeding, etc."

You will observe here no power is granted to build or maintain a street railroad in Jersey City. The whole and sole power, within the limits of Jersey City, is to construct branches of the main line, and the main line was to run from the turnpike road to Bergen Point; and the said branches were only for the purpose of reaching the ferries with their passengers, and carrying passengers back from the ferries. The ordinance, if adopted, would be useless to the company.

O. CLEVELAND.

On motion of Alderman Terry the objections were laid upon the table.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from pay and duty of Policeman Harney, and suspension from pay but not from duty of Policeman Lee, on charges preferred against them by aids Kipp and Mann, of the Police Department, was presented, received, and on motion of Alderman Earle referred to the Committee on Police with power.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners requesting cancelment of sale of part of lot 24 South 6th street in block 351, erroneously returned as unpaid and sold for Water Rents of 1861, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners asking that a warrant be drawn in favor of said Board for \$10,000 to refund a portion of the loan made by them to the city, for the purpose of paying bounties, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during the month of October, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

A report of the Chief of Police of the number of gas lamps not lit or burning during quarter ending October 31, 1864, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The report of the City Treasurer for October, 1864, showing a balance in the Treasury October 31, 1864, of \$17,863 90, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, on account of his contract for the improvement of Railroad avenue from Warren street to Prospect street, and Montgomery street, between Newark avenue and Gregory street, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Clerk laid before the Board a protest received by him October 21, 1864, from the Morris Canal and Banking Company, against the sale of their property on said day for taxes of 1863, &c.

The protest was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of confirmation of assessment for improvement of Greene street from Steuben street to Harsimus street, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of the approval by His Honor the Mayor, October 26, 1864, of the ordinance passed October 18, 1864, entitled "A supplement to an ordinance," entitled "An ordinance to establish, regulate, and control the appointment, duties, and responsibilities of the pound masters in Jersey City."

The report was received, and ordered filed.

The city clerk laid before the Board the assessor's tax lists for 1864, for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth Wards, and the same were received, and on motion of Alderman Decker, it was

Resolved, That the assessor's tax lists for 1864, for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Sixth Wards, laid before the Common Council, at this meeting by the city clerk, be filed in the city clerk's office.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department enclosing returns of the following elections in, and resignations from, and transfer in said department confirmed by the fire commissioners.

Elections of Joseph W. Strober by Engine Co. No. 1; M. E. Purdy by Engine Co. No. 5; John Quirk by Hose Co. No. 4; and William H. Eaton by Hose Co. No. 3.

Resignations of David Evans and Robert Ehrlich from Hose Co. No. 2, and Christian Rapp from Hose Co. No. 4.

Transfer of William H. Crane from Hose Co. No. 2 to Hose Co. No. 3.

The communications were received, and the action of the commissioners of the fire department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of Greene street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of Greene street from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street be confirmed.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Gaddis and Gaffney.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of Greene street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Delos E. Culver, for eighty-nine dollars and thirteen cents, being the amount

of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment maps of the improvement of Greene street, from Steuben street to Harsimus street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Hugh Keenan, for one hundred and sixty dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the improvement of Greene street, from Steuben street to Harsimus street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John J. Hill, for the sum of two thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-five cents, for balance due him on his contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Greene street from the north side of Steuben street to the south side of Harsimus street.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Gaddis and Gafney.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the petition of J. Martin and others for extension of time for payment of Montgomery street opening assessment without interest, presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented a report submitting ten sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract for the erection of a hose carriage house, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened read, and found to be from Peter Doyle, James Mathews, David D. Labaw, Van Keuran & Halladay, John Egan, William H. Bumsted, James Doran, Philip Hughes, John J. Hill, and John T. Rowland.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Ege and adopted:

Resolved, That the ten proposals reported at this meeting by the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, opened and read, for the contract to erect a hose carriage house upon the triangular lot formed by the crossing of Railroad and Newark avenues, be referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings with authority to enter into a contract with the lowest of said bidders, provided the said Committee deem it to the interests of the city so to do; and that on the requisition of said Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the Corporation Attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

The Committee on Streets, who have under consideration the petition referred to them September 20, 1864, of C. Bliven and others, for alteration of grade of parts of Washington, Harsimus, Bay and Warren streets, &c., presented a report thereon, re-

commending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for hearing:

Resolved, That Friday, November 18th, 1864, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall, are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the Common Council, September 6th, 1864, of the Continental Screw Company and others, to have the grade of a part of Washington, Warren, Harsimus and Bay streets changed, so as to conform to a diagram accompanying said petition, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes on account of his contract for improvement of Montgomery street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes for fifteen hundred dollars, being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of Montgomery street from Warren street to Van Vorst street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Gaddis, and Gafney.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred this evening the certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes on account of his contract for improvement of Montgomery street, etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes, for fifteen hundred dollars, being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of Montgomery street from Warren st. to Van Vorst st., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Gaddis, and Gafney.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred this evening the certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, on account of his contract for improvement of Railroad avenue, etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be



issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes, for five hundred dollars, being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of Railroad avenue from Prospect street to Warren street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Gaddis, and Gafney.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G. Ross Carey, \$30 57.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Drayton and Durant, \$91 97; Matthew Erwin, \$70 84; G. and J. C. Lawrence, \$2 50; and C. A. and C. H. Whitney, \$30 78.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Samuel Bridgart, \$5 03; and J. O. Seymour & Co., \$137 50.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. L. Blackmore, \$55 90; Peter Doyle, \$56 57; J. W. Harrison, \$20 35; G. and J. C. Lawrence, \$25 50; and Peter Lynch, \$13.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of W. C. Curren, \$122; Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Co., \$12 86; and J. F. Richardson, \$35 15.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Uzal Cory, \$30 65; Robert Donshea, \$21 25. and Nathaniel Ellis, \$47 75.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of H. A. Greene, \$38 50; and R. B. Kashow, \$131 82.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of James M. Laws, \$15.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of William Conner, \$27 00, and \$54 00; Michael Killeen, \$65 00; James McConnell, \$10 00; James McDonald, \$48 and \$24; James McDermott, \$25 00; John Ryan, \$48 00 and \$24.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:

By Alderman Hough and adopted:

Resolved, That the use of the City Hall be tendered to the ladies of Jersey City, for the purpose of holding a fair for the benefit of suffering soldiers' families in Jersey City; said fair to be held during the second week in December.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for three hundred dollars be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John McGuigan and James McLaughlin, being

the amount paid by them into the City Treasury to defray the preliminary expenses in the opening of Montgomery street.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for fifteen dollars in favor of William Purcell, that being the amount paid by him into the City Treasury to defray the preliminary expenses in the improvement of North 1st street.

By Alderman Nafew, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to purchase one thousand feet of hose for the Fire Department.

By Alderman Decker, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, and to be accounted for, for one hundred and seven thousand and forty-two dollars and ninety-six cents, (\$107,042.96) for moneys paid in procuring volunteers in filling the quota of Jersey City under the last call.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Judge of Election for the Sixth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Thomas Coyle from said Ward.

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Kane, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and Felix Dolan was viva voce unanimously appointed Judge of Election for the Sixth Ward.

On motion of Alderman Decker, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Judge of Election for the First Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Wheelan.

Two ballotings were had as follows, no choice being effected:

Aldermen Decker and Quaife were appointed and acted as tellers,

First balloting—

James L. Ogden received five votes.

Asa H. Leonard received seven votes.

Lennon received one vote,

One blank was cast.

Second balloting—

James L. Ogden received five votes.

Asa H. Leonard received seven votes.

Lennon received one vote.

One blank was cast.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, further balloting was postponed.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council chamber, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, McBride and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Alderman Terry the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, November 15, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present, - All the members of the Board  
The minutes of the regular meetings of Nov. 1st and 8th, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of Patrick Dolan and others for the erection of lamps on Railroad avenue, between Merseles street and Gilbert street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of C. H. O'Neill for the erection of gas lamps in South First street, between Jersey avenue and Erie street, &c.

Referred to committee on lamps.

Petition of William Symes for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John Farley to be appointed a Policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of S. A. Beers to be appointed a City Surveyor.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections.

Petition of Dennis Byrnes for permission to buy from the city the cobble stones piled along side of Hamilton square.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power.

Petition of Edgar Olcott and others to have Montgomery street, from Gregory street to Barrow street, regraded, side walks and carriage way filled to the regular grade, curb and gutter reset, flagged repaired, side walks flagged ten feet wide on each side, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Keeney and Halladay, contractors for improvement of Prospect street, from Pavonia avenue to North Seventh street, for settlement of their bill, and to have bonds due them on said contract dated the date of the completion of their contract, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney, in connection with the Board of Commissioners of Assessments.

Communication from Charles H. O'Neill, giving notice of his removal from the 4th to the 5th Ward, thereby vacating the office of Chosen Freeholder of the Fourth Ward,

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of James L. Blackmore, \$55 90; Samuel Bridgart, \$5 63; G. Ross Cary, \$30 57; William Connor, \$54; Uzal Cory, \$30 65; William C. Curren, \$122; Dodge & Co., \$98 50; Robert Donahue, \$21 25; Peter Doyle, \$56 57; Nathaniel Ellis, \$47 75; Matthew Erwin, \$70 84; Jersey City and Hoboken Gas-Light Co., \$121 48, \$38 53 and \$12 86; F. P. Gautier & Co., \$9 27; H. A. Greene, \$38 50; J. W. Harrison, \$20 35; R. B. Kashow, \$131 82; Michael Killeen, \$66; George and J. C. Lawrence, \$25 50 and \$2 50; James M. Laws, \$15; Peter Lynch, \$13; James McConnell, \$10; James McDermott, \$25; James McDonald, \$48; J. F. Richardson, \$35 15; John Ryan, \$45; J. O. Seymour & Co., \$137 50; C. A. and C. H. Whitney, \$30 78; B. F. Woolsey, \$49 25; and Woolsey and Terry, \$3 25.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the

same and said claims, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Peter Doyle, \$28; Daniel Kennedy, \$3; Edgar Olcott, jr., \$75; and Police Department, \$2,674 48.

Claims of William Conner, \$27; John Ryan, \$24; and James McDonald, \$24; for labor on streets, referred to the Committee on Streets, Nov. 1st, 1864, were reported back by said committee as not correct, the amounts being included in other bills.

The reports were received and adopted.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Thomas Scott, on charges preferred against him by Aid Mann, of the Police Department, was presented received and referred to the Committee on Police.

The report of the Chief of Police for the quarter ending October 31, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The reports of the Overseer of the Poor and Warden of the City Hospital for the quarter ending October 31, 1864, were presented, received and ordered filed.

A communication from the Board of Assessors asking to be remunerated for time and labor in making re-assessment of Taxes, &c., was presented, received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, requesting the appointment of a Committee to examine their books, accounts, &c., for year ending July 1st, 1864, was presented, received and laid upon the table.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

*To the Common Council of Jersey City:*

At a meeting of the Board of Education held at their rooms on Monday evening, Nov. 7, 1864.

It was Resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, that requisition be made upon the common council for the payment of the following claims:

Of D. Kennedy, for varnishing, &c., desks,  
School No. 2. .... \$16 25  
Earle & Co., 4 dozen stools, School No. 2... 60 00  
Uzal Cory, repairs furnaces, School No. 1... 12 00  
Baker, Smith & Co., repairs steam apparatus  
School No. 3. .... 212 20

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk Board Education.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 15, 1864.

The requisition was received and on motion of Alderman Earle it was,

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education and for the amounts respectively named.

The city clerk laid before the board, a rule for certiorari and writ of certiorari served upon him on the 11th inst., at the suit of Cornelius Van Vorst and others, plaintiffs to remove into the Supreme Court the proceedings had in reference to the opening of Montgomery street, &c.

The papers were referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication in the Jersey City papers of notice of places for holding the polls in the several wards of the city at the election on the 8th November 1864.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the Assessors Tax lists for the Fifth Ward, and the same were received and on motion of Alderman Gaddis it was,

Resolved, That the Assessors Tax lists for 1864



for the Fifth Ward laid before Common Council at this meeting by the city clerk be filed in the city clerk's office.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 1st inst., the communication from Board of Water Commissioners, requesting cancellation of sale, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made April 3, 1863, for water rents of 1861, of lot part 24, South 6th street, in block 351, city map, be cancelled of record by the city clerk, for the reason that the water rents due thereon for said year were paid at the office of the Board of Water Commissioners, and erroneously returned by said board as unpaid; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the purchaser, Mrs. L. E. Walker, for the purchase money (\$11 98) paid by her with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to her on her surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declaration of sale of said part of lot.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 1st inst., the protest from Morris Canal and Banking Company, against the sale of their property for Taxes of 1863, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that the Committee are of opinion that the property named in said protest is not exempt from taxation and that no action should be taken in the matter named in the protest.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, and requested to issue under the corporate seal of the city, declarations of sale to purchasers at sale, made by the corporation of Jersey City, October, 21st, 1864, for unpaid Taxes of 1863, and Canal street assessment.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the communication from David Kemp, in relation to erroneous sale of his lot for unpaid taxes, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that the petition is entirely too indefinite for action by the committee, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the petition of W. R. Drayton, for the issue of an improvement certificate to replace one lost by him, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that the petition is too brief and insufficiently drawn to enable the committee to recommend any action by the Common Council.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred November 1, 1864, the petition of J. W. Morgan for cancellation of sale of lot 58 York street, sold February 3d, 1859, to C. H. Voorbies, for water rents of 1857, &c., presented an adverse report thereon, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 1st inst., the communication from Board of Water Commissioners, asking that a warrant be drawn in their favor for \$10,000, to refund a portion of the loan made by them to the city for the purpose of paying bounties, etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Board of Water Commissioners, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to refund a like amount borrowed temporarily for the purpose of paying bounties.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water reported the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the steam fire engine, constructed by William H. Van Ness for Fire Engine Company No 1, has been accepted by the Committee on Fire and Water, and delivered to the said Company on the 3rd Nov. inst., and the old engine delivered to said Van Ness; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water report to this Board whether the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, ordered to be borrowed by this Board of the Firemen's Fund Association has been so borrowed; and also what amount has been paid into the Treasury, by citizens and by the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, on account of the purchase of the said engine, in order that the Board may cause to be paid the amount of the balance for the same.

The report was re-committed to the committee on motion of Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Lamps, to whom was referred Oct. 18, 1864, the petition of J. W. Hancock, to have the street lamp opposite his premises put in repair and lighted, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have the lamp lighted by the city on southwest corner of Warren and Grand streets.

The report was received, and the resolution rejected.

The Committee on Lamps, to whom was referred Oct. 18, 1864, the petition of Patrick Flynn and others, for an oil lamp corner of South Sixth and Brunswick streets, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have an oil lamp erected on the corner of South 6th and Brunswick streets.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred Nov. 1st, 1864, the petition of Isabella G. Clements, for a declaration of sale, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that a declaration of sale be issued under the corporate seal, and duly executed, to Isabella G. Clements, for lot 26, and part of lot 25 Morris street, in block 17—Mangin's Map—the same having been sold on the 19th of July, 1861, for unpaid taxes of 1860, to Thomas W. James, and a certificate issued to him and by him assigned to said Isabella G. Clements upon her filing with the City Clerk the certificate heretofore issued to said Thomas W. James, and the assignment of the same.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license, applications heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to John G. Berrian to keep an inn and tavern at corner of Grand and Hudson streets, in the First Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaise and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Ege.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Philip F. Meschutt to keep an inn and tavern at No. 100 Montgomery street, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to William Slight to keep an inn and tavern at No. 179 Newark avenue, in the Third Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Otto Meyer, to keep an inn and tavern at Nos. 8 and 10 Exchange Place, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John C. Hopkins, jr., to keep an inn and tavern at No. 22 Exchange place, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to George Hunter to keep an inn and tavern at the corner of Railroad avenue and Warren street, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Hugh Reilly to keep an inn and tavern at No. 267 Newark avenue, in the Sixth Ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege and Hough.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Felix Dolan, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Jacob Heim, on his paying his license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred on the 1st inst. the petition of E. Hope, jr., and others, for a receiving basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending that the petition be referred to the Board of Water Commissioners for an estimate and description according to law.

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 1st inst. the petition of Keeney and Halladay and others, to have withdrawn permission heretofore granted to Colwell & Co., to close up and occupy a part of South 8th street, for the purpose of a ship-yard, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That the permission afforded Messrs. Colwell & Co., or Mr. Colwell, on the 30th of April, 1862, to erect a fence across the street on the east side of Greene street, at and across South Eighth street, for the purpose of building one of the new iron clad monitor batteries for the government, and to occupy the part of South Eighth street between Greene street and Hudson river, be and the same is hereby revoked, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to serve on Mr. Colwell, if he be found, a copy of this resolution; and if Mr. Colwell can not be found, then on one of the parties now in the possession of said part of said street; and to further notify such person to cause to be removed from off said street any building, fences or other obstructions which may have been placed thereon, within fifteen days of the service of said notice, or that in case of disobedience to comply with the requirements of the resolution, proceedings shall be taken to clear said part of South 8th street of obstructions.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz. :

Of Hugh Reilly & Bro., \$31.80 and \$11.59.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Peter Doyle, \$32.20; J. W. Harrison, \$36.95, and John Kane, \$73.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of G. L. Cannon, agent, \$45; and Thomas McCullough, \$65.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Patrick Corrigan, \$400; Geo. C. Doyle, \$29; and Isaac Wakefield, \$15.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of John Coar, \$694.50; William Connor, \$23.63;

Hugh Keenan, \$263.37; Keeney & Halliday, \$12.198 56; Michael Killeen, \$28 87; F. J. Mallory, \$126; James McDonald, \$21; and John Ryan, \$21.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received and disposed of as follows :

By Alderman Gaddis,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of twenty thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes for 1864, and that on the requisition of said committee city bonds be issued to that amount, payable December 20th, 1864, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum, and the same be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

By Alderman Gaddis, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Enlistments in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying balance of bounties and expenses of filling quota of Jersey City.

By Alderman Nafew, and adopted.

Whereas, the steam fire engine ordered by resolution of this Common Council, April 26th, 1864, of William Van Ness, has been received and accepted by the Committee on Fire and Water Nov. 3d, 1864, therefore

Resolved, That the action of said Committee be confirmed by this Board.

By Alderman Earle, Chairman of Committee on Schools, and adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of two members of the Board be appointed to act with School Committee in reference to heating apparatus of Public School No. 3.

Aldermen Decker and Gaddis were appointed the committee.

By Alderman McBride and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to have stoves placed in the offices of the city attorney and mayor, and fire commissioner's room, the heat from the furnaces being entirely insufficient.

By Alderman McBride, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas-Light Co., be instructed to have mains placed in New Montgomery street before the Belgian pavement is placed on that street, now being the proper time for laying such mains.

By Alderman Duff, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner report



to this Board, at its next regular meeting, his proceedings relative to sunken lots on Harsimus and Prospect streets; a resolution having been passed that the owners fill in the same.

By Alderman Kane, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas-Light Company be requested to lay gas pipe in South 7th street, from the junction of Newark avenue to about 100 feet west of Brunswick street.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed November 1st, 1864, authorizing the Committee on Fire and Water to purchase one thousand feet of hose for the fire department be rescinded.

By Alderman Nafew,

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to purchase one thousand feet of leather hose for the Fire Department, at a cost not to exceed seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

Alderman Terry moved, that the resolution be amended so as to read "that the Committee advertise for proposals for a contract."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Terry, and Ege:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge, Gaddis, Gafney Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Gaddis.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

The resolution as amended and adopted being as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to advertise for proposals for a contract to furnish one thousand feet of leather hose for the Fire Department.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, November 22, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Lennon.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 15th instant were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions communications, &c, were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Official bond of G. S. Boice as Registrar of Board of Water Commissioners, with Francis Robinson and Herbert R. Clarke as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Official bond of I. Ferris Boice as Clerk to the Board of Water Commissioners, with Thomas C. Brown and Japhet Jardine as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Applications of David Frank, Wandel Greene, Charles Haskel, Louis Heller, Andreas Seebach, James Lynch and John McKeever, for inn and tavern licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Communication from Johnson Hunt, asking that Policeman Scott may be compelled to pay his grocery bill, &c.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Communication from Johnson Hunt asking that Policeman Ramsey may be compelled to pay his grocery bill, &c.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Communication from G. E. Winants and others, remonstrating against the construction, at the present time, of the main sewer ordered to be built in Bay street, from Erie street to Hudson river, &c.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

Communication from Daniel W. Culver in reference to his contract for improvement of South 7th street, &c.

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Coar, \$694.50; William Connor, \$23.63; George C. Doyle, \$25; Peter Doyle, \$32.20; J. W. Harrison, \$36.95; John Kane, \$73; Michael Killeen, \$28.87; Thomas McCullough, \$65; James McDonald, \$21; John Ryan, \$21; and Isaac Wakefield, \$15.

Claim of Keeney & Halladay, \$12,198.56; F. J. Mallory, \$126; and Hugh Keenan, \$263.37, for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Provost street, from North Third street to North Seventh street, referred to the Committee on streets, November 15, 1864, were reported correct by said Committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL,  
Jersey City, Nov. 22, 1864.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith transmit copies of correspondence with General Fry, Provost-Marshal General, Washington, D. C., which shows that credit will be given for new recruits, or substitutes, either in the army or navy, against a farther draft, and also declaring that any surplus recruited over the last call will be credited on any future call.

That there will be another call made, is generally conceded; the necessities of the government will require it, and that when the call is made, the bounties necessary to get the men will be large, is also generally believed; and in view of these facts, and of the fact that men can probably be procured at this time at about one half the price it will then be necessary to pay, I would respectfully recommend that your honorable body authorize to be issued to citizens, who may furnish substitutes to the credit of Jersey City, bonds payable in one year, bearing seven per cent. interest, for such an amount, not exceeding four hundred dollars each, as the committee on Enlistments may deem necessary or desirable.

And I would further recommend that the Committee on Enlistments may be authorized to continue recruiting against a further draft, at a bounty not to exceed four hundred dollars, and that bonds be authorized to be issued in sums of one thousand dollars each, payable in one year, bearing seven per cent. interest, and convertible into twenty year coupon bonds, to pay such bounties, and that the whole number of recruits and substitutes shall not exceed five hundred, procured under this authorization.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 17, 1864.

Gen. Jas. B. Fry, Provost-Marshal General,  
Washington, D. C.:

If our citizens furnish substitutes, will they be credited to the city against a future draft; and if the city commences now to recruit, will the men so recruited be credited against a future draft? For instance, if a future quota assigned to a ward should be 100, and there had been mustered into the service substitutes and recruits to the number of eighty, would the draft be made for the twenty only? And will the excess of men already mustered in and credited over the last call, be also credited on a future draft?

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND,  
Mayor.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Pro.-Mar. General's Office,  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 18, 1864.

Orestes Cleveland, Mayor Jersey City, N. J.:

All excess over last call, from whatever source, will be credited on any future call; and all men raised since filling quota under last call, whether substitutes or recruits, for the Army or Navy, will be credited on any future call that may be made.

(Signed,) JAMES B. FRY,  
Pro.-Mar. Gen.

Official copy:

THEODORE McMURTRIE,  
Capt. & A. A. A. G.

The communication was received, and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to recruit to the extent of five hundred men as volunteers or substitutes, in anticipation of a future call for volunteers by the President of the United States.

And that the committee be authorized to pay such bounty to volunteers and substitutes as they may deem expedient, not to exceed four hundred dollars.

And that on the requisition of the Finance Committee the mayor and city clerk be authorized to issue city bonds under the corporate seal of the



bility, in sums of one thousand dollars each, payable one year after date, bearing interest at seven per cent. per annum, in payment of bounty to said volunteers, and to be converted into twenty year coupon bonds; and that city bonds do issue for one year from date, bearing interest at seven per cent. per annum, in payment of bounty to principals furnishing substitutes, in such an amount as the committee may fix from time to time, not to exceed four hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the consideration of the resolution was ordered to be postponed for one week.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing writ of attachment served upon him by the Sheriff of Hudson county, at the suit of Mrs. John Wright and others, against the effects of William H. Van Ness, was presented, received and the writ referred to the Corporation Attorney.

The petition of Edgar Olcott and others, for the improvement of Montgomery street etc., referred to the Corporation Attorney on the 15th inst., was reported back by said officer as not correctly drawn.

The report was received, accepted, and with the petition ordered filed.

The Corporation Attorney, to whom was referred on the 15th inst. the writ of certiorari and rule for certiorari in the suit of Cornelius Van Vorst and others to remove into the Supreme Court the proceedings relative to the opening of Montgomery street etc., reported back said papers, with a recommendation that the City Clerk be instructed to make return thereto, and that the Collector of Revenue be instructed to desist from further proceedings for the sale of the land of the prosecutors until further orders.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The report of the Recorder for the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

Alderman Finck from the Committee on Assessments presented the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments of the improvement of Prospect street, from the north side of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, and the same were received and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk laid before the Board the report, map and schedule of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments of the cost of alteration of grades in a portion of the Fifth Ward, Jersey City, received by him on this 22d inst., at fifteen minutes past three o'clock, P. M., and the same were received, and on motion of Alderman Finck ordered filed in the City Clerk's office, and the City Clerk instructed to publish the usual notice for the filing of remonstrances against the same.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application to have filled to the established grade that part of Bergen street not occupied by the Morris Canal and Basing Company, for the canal being twenty-eight wide on the north side of Bergen street, extending from the west side of Washington street to the West side of Warren street, including intersections.

The report was received, and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application to have the roadway of Washington street, from the south side of Essex street to the middle line of Bergen street, filled to the established grade, and paved with cobble stones, and the sidewalks filled, curbed, guttered and flagged four feet wide, except the parts which have been filled, curbed, guttered, or flagged, and that these parts may be re-filled, re-curbed, re-guttered and re-flagged.

The report was received, and ordered filed.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application to have changed the grade

of parts of Warren, Bay, Washington and Harsimus streets, &c.

The report was received, and ordered filed.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee on Enlistments presented a preliminary report setting forth that there has been recruited under the call of July 18, 1864, 1,111 men, as follows: Substitutes, 375; Volunteers, 638; Naval allowance, 98; reduced quota, 1,010, leaving a surplus of 101 men, &c.

The report was received, adopted, and on motion of Alderman Gafney ordered to be published in the minutes.

Said report being as follows:

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 22, 1864.

To the Hon. Common Council of Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Special Committee on Enlistments herewith submit a preliminary report. Enlisted to the credit of City under call July 18, 1864:

Substitutes.....	375
Volunteers.....	638

Total..... 1013

Apportioned as follows:

	Subs.	Vols
1st Ward.....	108	109
2d ".....	40	151
8d ".....	77	50
4th ".....	13	111
5th ".....	44	92
6th ".....	13	125

Total..... 375 638

Adding Naval allowance:

1st Ward.....	12
2d ".....	13
3d ".....	13
4th ".....	15
5th ".....	10
6th ".....	35

Total..... 98

Showing a surplus in each Ward as follows:

1st Ward.....	32
2d ".....	15
3d ".....	9
4th ".....	10
5th ".....	13
6th ".....	22

Total surplus..... 101

Recapitulation:

Substitutes.....	375
Volunteers.....	638
Naval allowance.....	98

Total..... 1111

Reduced quota..... 1010

Surplus..... 101 men

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. GAFNEY,  
S. QUAIPE,  
A. DRAKE,  
C. KANE.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice in the AMERICAN STANDARD, a newspaper published in this city, for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the regulation and improvement of Prospect street from the north

side of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street, are on file in the City Clerk's office, in the City Hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington Place, and that the Common Council of Jersey City will meet at the Common Council chamber in said City Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th day of December, 1864, at eight o'clock, P. M., to consider said assessment, and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the petition of B. F. Champney to have refunded five dollars paid by him towards defraying preliminary expenses in the opening of Montgomery street, &c., presented a report setting forth that under resolution passed Nov. 1, 1864, a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of John McGuigan and James McLaughlin, for the sum of three hundred dollars for the whole amount paid into the City Treasury, for preliminary expenses, and Mr. Champney will have to apply to said parties, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred this evening the official bond of G. S. Boice as Registrar of Board of Water Commissioners, presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Garret S. Boice, as Registrar to Water Commissioners, executed by him as principal, and by Francis Robinson and Herbert R. Clark, as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred this evening the official bond of I. F. Boice as Clerk to the Board of Water Commissioners, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of I. Ferris Boice, Clerk to the Board of Water Commissioners, executed by him as principal, and by Thomas C. Brown and Japhet Jardine as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred October 18, 1864, the petition of B. O. Edge for return of purchase money paid by him at sale of certain lots for taxes, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made October 1st, 1863, for taxes of 1862, of lots 17 to 32 included, alleged in declaration of sale to front on Montgomery st., in block 13 Sisson's map, be cancelled of record by the city clerk, for the reason that there are no lots of said numbers fronting on Montgomery street in said block on said map, and that a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the purchaser, B. O. Edge, for the purchase money (\$31 52 cts.), paid by him, with interest thereon, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, from the date of said sale, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the city clerk for cancelling the declarations of sale of said lots.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police reported for confirmation as chancemen the names of the following persons: James Nugent, Hugh Killeen, and Alexander Reed.

The report was received.

The Board then proceeded to act on the nominations by ballot.

Aldermen Quaife and Earle were appointed and acted as tellers.

The nomination of James Nugent was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas—Twelve.

Nays—Four.

The nomination of Hugh Killeen was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ten.

Nays—Four.

Blanks—Two.

The nomination of Alexander Reed was not confirmed, the vote being as follows:

Yeas—Seven.

Nays—Four.

Blanks—Five.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$13 83.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of John Kennedy, \$130 43.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of A. P. Rikeman, \$6 20.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$22 65; A. M. C. Smith, \$298 65, and \$318 00.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Geo. W. Cassidy, \$7 50.

Referred to committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of R. B. Kashow, \$50 48.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of R. B. Kashow, \$73 72, and John H. Lyon, \$429 67.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Edward Caulfield, \$7 50, and John Eltringham, \$50 00.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Carrol, \$33 25.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of Isaac B. Culver, \$20 00.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of James Bliss, \$23 45; James Mallory, \$15 00;

James Flynn, \$13 50; Patrick Griffin, \$22 00;

John Hogan, \$13 50; and Patrick Quinn, \$18 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Earle the following resolution reported by the Committee on Assessments, August 16, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration.

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of South Seventh street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, including all intersections be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, McBride, Naiew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Kane.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, and Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Hough, the communication presented on the 15th inst. from C. H. O'Neill, notifying the Common Council of his removal from the 4th to the 5th ward, thereby vacating the office of Chosen Freeholder of the fourth ward, was taken from the table for consideration.

The communication was ordered filed, and, on motion of Alderman Hough, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Chosen Freeholder for the fourth ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Charles H. O'Neill from said ward.

FREE PUBLIC



Eight ballotings were had as follows, no choice being effected:

Aldermen Ege and Edge acted as tellers, during the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh ballotings; and Aldermen Terry and McBride during the eighth balloting.

First balloting—

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes, John H. Smyth received six votes.

Second balloting—

Christopher D. Mills received eight votes, John H. Smyth received six votes.

Third balloting—

Christopher D. Mills received eight votes, John H. Smyth received five votes,

Fourth balloting:

Christopher D. Mills received eight votes.

John H. Smyth received five votes.

John Van Vorst received one vote.

Fifth balloting:

Christopher D. Mills received eight votes.

John H. Smyth received three votes.

William Cox received three votes; one blank was cast,

Sixth balloting:

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

John H. Smyth received three votes.

William Cox received three votes.

Seventh balloting:

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

John H. Smyth received six votes.

Eighth balloting:

Christopher D. Mills received nine votes.

John H. Smyth received five votes.

John Van Vorst received one vote.

Alderman Earle moved, that further balloting be postponed.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege and Earle:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake and Lennon.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Ege and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be and are hereby authorized to employ a suitable person to superintend the building of house for Diligent Hose Co. No. 3, at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars, (75).

The resignation of Alderman Quaife as a member of the Special Committee on Enlistments was presented, received and accepted.

On motion of Alderman Hough the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, November 29, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 22d instant were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Communication from J. R. Wortendyke, President of the Commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act to ascertain the rights of the State and of riparian owners in the lands lying under the waters of the Bay of New York and elsewhere in this State" setting forth that said commissioners have determined the exterior lines at Jersey City and at other places in the harbor of New York, beyond which no pier, bulkhead, extension or permanent obstruction of any kind is to be allowed, and that the plans and designs thereof may be seen at the office of their Engineer, Robert C. Bacot in the City Hall.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Applications of James Scott and George H. Dietz for Inn and Tavern licenses.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Remonstrance of S. Alosen and John Geraghty against the improvement of Washington street from Essex street to Bergen street, accompanied by a communication from P. D. Vroom and others in reference to the extension of said Washington street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition John N. Fiore and others to have the posts supporting the gate at the railroad crossing of Warren street, removed from off the line of the street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of D. S. Gregory, G. E. Winants and Keeney & Halliday for a reconsideration of the resolution passed some two weeks since, in accordance with a petition of R. C. Bacot and Keeney & Halliday, to have Harsimus street cleared of obstructions, so as to enable Messrs Secor & Co., to complete a small amount of unfinished work for the Government, &c.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power.

Petition of Diedrich Muller and others to have the sidewalk on east side of Grovest, 100 feet south of S. E. corner of Grove street and Pavia avenue, refilled and flagged four feet wide, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Mrs. J. Curry and others to have the vacant lots fronting on South Seventh and South Eighth streets, between Grove and Erie streets fenced in, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of James Bliss, \$23.45; John Carroll, \$33.25; G. Ross Cary, \$13.83; Edward Caulfield, \$7.50; Isaac B. Culver, \$20; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$7.50; Drayton & Durant, \$91.97; John Eltringham, \$50; James Flynn, \$13.50; Patrick Griffin, \$22; James Fallon, \$15; John Hogan, \$13.50; J. W. Harrison, \$22.65; R. B. Kashow, \$73.72; Patrick Quinn, \$18.50; A. M. C. Smith, \$318 and \$298.65; and A. P. Kikeman, \$6.20.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116.68; John B. Haight \$116.68 and \$25; C. C. Martindale, \$58.33; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83.83; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$168.66; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62.50; John D. Nolan, \$83.33; J. E. Scott, \$66.66; P. D. Vroom, \$62.50; R. D. McClelland, \$150; and William Whitley, \$58.33.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Boyle, on charges preferred against him by aid Kipp of the Police Department was presented, received and with the charges referred to the Committee on Police.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Ramsey, Maxwell and Doyle, and Chanceman Dolan, on charges preferred against them by the Chief of Police, was presented received, and with the charges referred to the Committee on Police.

The report of Joseph Van Doren, gauger and inspector of domestic liquids, for quarter ending November 1st, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Attorney, to whom was referred on the 22d inst. the writ of attachment served upon His Honor the Mayor, at the suit of John Wight and another, against W. H. Van Ness, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the cause in which said writ was served has been discontinued, accompanied by a certified copy of the rule of discontinuance entered on the minutes of the court out of which the writ was issued, &c.

The report was received, and with the writ and copy of rule ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of South 7th street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel W. Culver for five hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy-eight cents, balance due him on his contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of South 7th street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Moore, for fifty two dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the improvement of South 7th street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of F. J. Mallory, for fifty-eight dollars and four cents, being the amount of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment map of the improvement of South seventh street, from the southerly line of Newark avenue to the easterly line of Brunswick street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.



Nay—Alderman Kane.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report submitting three sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to furnish one thousand feet of leather hose for fire department, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from Alex. M. C. Smith, Wines Crary & Co and S. S. Vanderhoef.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Nalew and adopted:

Resolved, That the three proposals reported at this meeting by the Committee on Fire and Water, opened and read, for the contract to furnish one thousand feet of leather hose for the fire department, be referred to the Committee on Fire and Water, with authority to enter into a contract with the lowest of said bidders, provided the said Committee deem it to be in the interests of the city so to do; and that on the requisition of said committee, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the corporation attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security satisfactory to the Committee on Fire and Water for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report in reference to the Steam Fire Engine for Engine Co. No. 1, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow from the Fireman's Fund Association of the city of Jersey City, for the term of five years, the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, in payment of which a bond be issued, payable with interest thereon, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and that on the requisition of said committee the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign the said bond under the corporate seal of the city, said moneys to be borrowed in part payment for Steam Fire Engine No. 1, and that when said moneys shall be so borrowed, a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Wm. H. Van Ness, for the sum of thirty-three hundred and seventy-five dollars, for the amount of his contract for construction of Steam Fire Engine No. 1.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lamps, to whom was referred on the 15th inst. the petition of Patrick Dolan and others for the erection of oil lamps in Railroad avenue etc., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have one oil lamp erected on Railroad avenue, between Merseles and Gilbert streets.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applications heretofore referred to them; the following resolutions accompany the reports:

The reports were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to James Lynch to keep an inn and tavern at No. 177 Washington street, in the second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Wandell Greene to keep an inn and tavern at Nos. 15 and 17 Montgomery street, in the second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved. That a license be granted to Louis

Heller to keep an inn and tavern at No. 7 (new) Montgomery street, in the second ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle and Ege.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

Resolved, That a license be granted to John McKeiver to keep an inn and tavern at corner of Steuben and Washington streets, in the second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to David Frank to keep an inn and tavern at No. 151 Steuben street, in the second ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Charles Henkel to keep an inn and tavern at No. 144 Newark avenue, in the fourth ward of Jersey City.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Andreas Seebach to keep an inn and tavern at No. 171 Newark avenue, in the third ward of Jersey City.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Ege and Quaife.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the city, to William Symes, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred Oct. 13, 1864, the petition of William Sloan, for transfer to him of James Meany's fish peddlers license presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner for the reason that the petition is incorrectly drawn, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Police reported for confirmation as Chance Policeman the name of Alexander Reed.

The report was received and the board then proceeded to act on the appointment by ballot.

Alderman Quaife and Decker were appointed and acted as tellers.

The appointment was confirmed by the following vote.

Yeas—Twelve.

Nays—Two.

Blanks—Three.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented a report setting forth that they awarded the contract for construction of house for Hose Company No. 3, to Philip Hughes, his being the lowest of the proposals presented November 1st, 1864, and that contracts have been executed, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, by resolution passed September 6, 1864, in conjunction with the corporation attorney, the matter of the line of South Eighth street, with power to employ a suitable surveyor in order to define the line of said street, &c., presented a report thereon, accompanied by a communication from the corporation attorney in reference thereto.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the report was referred back to the Committee on Streets and City Attorney, with instructions that they endeavor to have a settlement made of the matter of dedication.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred September 20, 1864, the petition of the Continental Screw Company and others, for alteration of grades

of portions of Warren, Bay, Washington and Har-simus streets, so as to conform to a diagram accompanying said petition, presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred August 16, 1864, with power to contract with the lowest bidder, the proposals of Dennis Byrnes, James McLaughlin and John J. Hill, for contract to improve Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Gregory street, presented a report thereon, setting forth that they awarded the contract to Dennis Byrnes, he being the lowest bidder, and that contracts have been executed and the work is now in progress.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred August 16, 1864, with power to contract with lowest bidder the proposals of Dennis Byrnes and John J. Hill, for contract to improve Railroad avenue, South side from Warren street to Prospect street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that they awarded the contract to Dennis Byrnes, he being the lower of said bidders, and that contracts have been executed and the work is now in progress.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred June 21, 1864, with power to contract with lowest bidder the proposals of Keeney and Halladay, James S. Noyes and John J. Hill, for a contract to improve Provost street from North 3d street to North 7th street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that they awarded the contract to Keeney and Halladay, they being the lowest bidders, and that contracts have been executed, &c., the report recommending that the bond accompanying James S. Noyes proposal be returned to the principals named therein.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Samuel Hetherington, \$15 00, and John McGuigan, \$21 40.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of John McGuigan, \$51 95.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of Samuel Hetherington, \$3 25.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of B. F. Snow, \$165 80.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of William Connor, \$27; Michael Killeen, \$33;

James McDonald, \$24, and John Ryan, \$24.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earle, and adopted.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Lamps with power to place a gas lamp on the point formed by Newark avenue and Montgomery street.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis, and adopted.

Resolved, That the resolution passed November 15th, 1864, authorizing a warrant drawn in favor of the Board of Water Commissioners in the sum of ten thousand dollars to refund a like amount

borrowed temporarily, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis, and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant for twenty thousand (\$20,000) be drawn upon the City Treasury, (being a temporary loan from the same) in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, to enable said Committee to refund to the Water Commissioners a like amount borrowed temporarily to pay bounties.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That a policeman be stationed at Hamilton square at all times during the day and night, for the purpose of protecting the trees, grounds, and fences of said square from injury by cattle, horses, goats, and swine.

On motion of Alderman Terry, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Pound Masters:

For the First District:

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Terry, George Macculley was viva voce unanimously appointed Pound Master for the first district, consisting of the First, Third, and Sixth Wards.

For the Second District:

On motion of Alderman Gaddis, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Kane, Patrick Ludlow was viva voce unanimously appointed Pound Master for the second district, comprising the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Wards.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Drake and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health be instructed to have the pound in the First District repaired at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the board proceeded to the appointment of a Chosen Freeholder, for the Fourth Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Charles H. O'Neill from said Ward (Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired).

A balloting was had which resulted as follows:

Alderman Ege and Edge were appointed and acted as tellers.

John Thompson, received five votes.

Christopher D. Mills received eleven votes.

Whereupon, Christopher D. Mills having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed Chosen Freeholder for the Fourth Ward.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of a communication of the Board of Assessors, presented Nov. 15th, 1864, and referred to the Corporation Attorney, having been withdrawn at the request of the petitioners, the same be returned by said Attorney to said Board.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health are hereby authorized to fit up the four lots in South First street recently purchased by the city, for a temporary pound at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, December 6, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nalew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis, and Hough.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 29, 1864, were read and approved.

#### PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions communications, &c, were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Official bond of George Macauley as Pound Master for the First, Third and Sixth Wards, with Smith Mead and John Geraghty as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Patrick Mannion for remission of fine imposed on him for violating the ordinance relative to the duties of the Street Commissioner, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of Patrick Cunningham for a license to peddle meat, fish and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of James W. Heavy to be appointed a Policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of Patrick Corrigan, Guardian, for permission to redeem lot 107 Prospect street, in block 50, D, or 139, sold to the City Treasurer more than two years ago, the time for redemption having expired.

On motion of Alderman Decker, it was

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Patrick Corrigan to redeem lot 107 Prospect street, in block 50 D, or 139, from the sales made to the City Treasurer for unpaid assessments, &c, the time for redemption having expired; provided, the redemptions be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemptions had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amounts for which said lot was sold, together with the interest thereon from the dates of said sales up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William Connor, \$27; Patrick Corrigan, \$400; Samuel Hetherington, \$3 25 and \$15; John Kennedy, \$180.43; Michael Kileen, \$33; John H. Lyon, \$429.67; John McGuigan, \$21.40; Jas. MacDonald, \$24; Hugh Reilly and Brother, \$11.59 and \$31.80; John Ryan, \$24, and B. F. Snow, \$165.80.

The following claims and accounts were presented, referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Samuel Bridgart, \$400; John Craven, \$400; William Drum, \$400; Nathaniel Ellis, \$46.81; Patrick Mannion, \$400; Smith Mead, \$400, and Police Department, \$2,612.22.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of policemen McDonagh and Simmons, on charges preferred against them by the Chief of Police, was presented, received, and with the charges referred to the Committee on Police.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during November,

1864, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The report of the City Treasurer for November, 1864, showing balance in treasury November 30, 1864, of \$17,218.41 was presented, received, and ordered filed.

An estimate from the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of building a receiving basin and culvert on the south side of Railroad avenue, etc., as petitioned for by E. Hope, jr., and others, November 1st, 1864, was presented, received, and with the petition referred to the Committee on Sewers.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of "Confirmation of Assessment for the Improvement of Prospect street, from the north line of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street."

The report was received and ordered filed.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held at their rooms on Monday evening, Dec. 5 1864.

It was Resolved, by the votes of all the members present the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, That requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims:

Randolph Brothers, for coal for schools..	\$1,521 30
Chas. McCann, for cartage and labor on schools.....	142 80
John Anness, brooms, mats, &c, for schools	49 10
Earle & Co., furniture, &c, for School No. 3 .....	38 88
Earle & Co., furniture, &c, for School No. 1.....	4 25
John Pringle, repairing school No. 3....	3 35
John McGuigan, do furnaces School No. 2.....	14 08
C. T. White, cleaning, &c, Colored School .....	17 50
W. J. B. Smith, coal for School No 1....	46 00
C. Hummason, repairing School No. 2..	11 18
Peter Young, sawing wood for School No. 2.....	6 00

P. D. VROOM,  
Clerk Board Education.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 6, 1864.

The requisition was received and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education and for the amounts respectively named.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the Assessment for the Improvement of Prospect street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assessment for the Improvement of Prospect from the northline of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North 7th Street be confirmed.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nalew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis, and Hough.

The Committee on Assessments reported back as disposed of the communication referred to them May 10, 1864, of the Corporation Attorney advising action in reference to the opening of Montgomery street, &c.



The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, on the 13th of October, 1858, the City Treasurer on behalf of the city became the purchaser of some forty-six lots of ground in consequence of the non-payment of the "reassessment thereon," for regulating Grand street from Jersey-street to the Mill Creek on "Townsend's lots," and which lots have never been redeemed from said sale, the title to which lots is now vested in the Corporation of Jersey City, in consequence of such non-redemption, and

Whereas, on the first day of October, 1863, the same lots were sold to James Mallory for taxes of 1862, and on the third day of April, 1863, the same lots were sold to Charles F. Wreaks, for water rents of 1861, and on the ninth day of April, 1864, the same lots were sold to Charles F. Wreaks, for water rents of 1862, subject to the right of redemption prescribed in the charter of Jersey City, and it therefore becomes necessary for the city to protect its title to said lots, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in order to redeem said lots under such sales to said parties from the sales herein recited warrants be drawn payable to the City Treasurer for the purchase money paid by said Mallory and Wreaks as follows: One warrant for one hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty-eight cents, to refund purchase money paid by James Mallory for taxes of 1862; one warrant for one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents, to refund purchase money paid by Charles F. Wreaks for water rents of 1861; and a warrant for one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and sixty-three cents, to refund purchase money paid by Charles F. Wreaks for water rents of 1862, together with interest on each of said amounts at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the dates of said sales for the use of said parties, and that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to deliver to the City Clerk at the time of the delivery of the said warrants, a certificate showing such payments by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, and showing what lands, tenements or real estate such payments are intended to redeem. That upon the due execution and delivery of the said warrants to the said Treasurer, and the delivery of the said certificate, he the said Treasurer, is hereby instructed to convey the amounts therein named to the credit of the said James Mallory and Charles F. Wreaks, respectively, and immediately thereafter to notify them, personally if practicable, of such payments, and the purposes for which the same were made; be it further

Resolved, That upon the receipt of the said certificate by the City Clerk from the City Treasurer as hereinbefore provided, the sales made by the Corporation of Jersey City, October 1st, 1863, to James Mallory for taxes of 1862, and April 3d, 1863, to Charles F. Wreaks for water rents of 1861, and April 9, 1864, to Charles F. Wreaks for water rents of 1862, of lots numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 Grand street, in block 1 or 303; 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26, Grand street, in block 2 or 340; 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 Grand street, in block 3 or 376; and 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127 and 128 Grand street, in block 6 or 302; all on Hill's Map and Bacon's City Map of Jersey City, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk.

The report was received and the preamble and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Finance, who were authorized by resolution, passed August 9, 1864, to negotiate loans to the city for the amount of monies borrowed for bounty purposes, etc., presented a report thereon, setting forth that they advertised and received sixteen proposals for a loan of two

hundred and forty-three thousand dollars for a period of twenty-five years, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and accepted of fourteen of said bids, the premium on the bids accepted amounting to fifteen hundred and forty-one dollars.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report, setting forth that under authority of resolution, passed July 5, 1864, they caused a contract to be made with John H. Sickles for a Fire Engine for Engine Company No. 6 etc., the report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Fire and Water, in accepting the Fire Engine built by John H. Sickles for Jackson Engine Company No. 6, be confirmed; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said John H. Sickles for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, in full payment of his contract for building a Fire Engine for Jackson Fire Engine Company No. 6.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

Subsequently, in "Miscellaneous Business," on motion of Alderman Ganey, the vote by which the resolution was adopted was reconsidered, and on his motion the resolution was amended so as to read as follows, and as amended was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Fire and Water in accepting the Fire Engine built by John H. Sickles for Jackson Engine Company No. 6 be confirmed; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said John H. Sickles for the sum of fourteen hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, in full payment of his contract for building a Fire Engine for Jackson Fire Engine Company No. 6, being the full amount of his contract (\$1,800), less the sum of three hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty cents allowed by John H. Sickles, August 31, 1864, for old fire apparatus sold at said date by the Committee on Fire and Water, as appears by their report presented to the Common Council September 6, 1864.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred November 29, 1864, the communication from J. R. Wortendyke, President of State Commissioners in reference to exterior water line of Jersey City, &c., presented a report thereon recommending a personal examination of the plan of said commissioners, &c., in order that the rights of the city may be more fully determined, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

Alderman Pangborn, Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was received and laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the board, viz:

"An Ordinance to establish, regulate and control the appointment, duties and responsibilities of the pound master, in Jersey City.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of the following named parties for Inn and Tavern licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license be granted to George H. Dietz, to keep an Inn and Tavern at No. 17 Newark avenue, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Leonon, McBride, Nalew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, and Ege.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis, and Hough.

Resolved, That a license be granted to James

Scott, to keep an Inn and Tavern at corner Grove street and Railroad avenue, in the Third Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle Ege and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis and Hough.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred Nov. 1st, 1864, with power, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from pay and not from duty of Policeman Lee, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police etc., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be notified to deduct ten days' pay from the salary of Policeman Lee, as a punishment for the offence contained in the Mayor's communication.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred, Nov. 1st, 1864, with power, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Harney, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Committee after due examination have ordered said Harney, to be reinstated, they deeming the time that he has been suspended from duty sufficient punishment for the offence, etc.

The report was received, and the action of the Committee approved and confirmed.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred, Nov. 29, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Boyle, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief of Police be notified to deduct ten days' pay from the salary of Policeman Boyle, as punishment for the offence contained in the Mayor's communication.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Drayton & Durant, \$97 69; Mathew Erwin, \$56 14; Joseph Pye, \$30 00, and Hugh Keilly and Brother, \$29 33.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Samuel Bridgart, \$28 25, and Patrick Manion, \$21 37.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$20 80.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of William C. Curren, \$122, and J. E. Richardson, \$54 05.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Charles Stone and Son, \$1 80.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of A. G. Mason, \$37 50, and \$4, and J. O. Seymour & Co., \$22 50.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Charles Stone and Son, \$5 50.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of James Fallon, \$12 00; John Hogan, \$12 00; James McDermott, \$30 00, and Patrick Quinn, \$15 00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Kane the following resolution presented Nov. 22, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration :

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to recruit to the extent of five hundred men as volunteers or substitutes, in anticipation of a future call for volunteers by the President of the United States.

And that the Committee be authorized to pay such bounty to volunteers and substitutes as they may deem expedient, not to exceed four hundred dollars.

And that on the requisition of the Finance Committee the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue city bonds under the corporate seal of the city, in sums of one thousand dollars each, payable one year after date, bearing interest at seven per cent. per annum, in payment of bounty to said volunteers, and to be converted into twenty-year coupon bonds; and that city bonds do issue for one year from date, bearing interest at seven per cent. per annum, in payment of bounty to principals furnishing substitutes, in such an amount as the committee may fix from time to time, not to exceed four hundred dollars.

On motion of Alderman Quaife the resolution was amended by striking out four and inserting three hundred dollars as the amount of the bond to be issued to principals furnishing substitutes, and amount of bounty allowed to volunteers.

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Edge and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis and Hough.

On motion of Alderman Terry the objections of his Honor the Mayor to approving resolution passed June 23, 1864, authorizing the purchase of a new Double Decked Fire Engine for Engine Company No. 5, at an expense not to exceed \$2,600 was taken from the table for consideration.

Alderman Terry moved,

"That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was lost, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—None.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Duff, Gaddis, and Hough.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to contract for a steam fire engine for Company No. 5 at the lowest possible price, said steamer to be in every respect equal to No. 1, to be paid for in coupon bonds bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent, payable in five years.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the consideration of the resolution was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be requested to report to this Board what, if any, amendments to the City Charter are desirable, that the same may be prepared for presentation to the legislature.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





Special Meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Friday, December 9, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M.  
Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Nafew and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Puff, Earle, Ege, Hough, Lennon McBride, Quaife and Terry.

The call of the meeting was read by the City Clerk, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL. }  
JERSEY CITY, Dec 9, 1864. }

GEORGE W. CASSEDDY, ESQ.,

City Clerk: *Dear Sir*—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Common Council to be held this Friday evening, the 9th inst., at seven o'clock, at the City Clerk's Office, in the City Hall, for the purpose of devising means for the encouragement of enlistments.

Yours respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following communication from his honor the Mayor, was presented, received and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE CITY HALL, }  
Jersey City, Dec. 9, 1864. }

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—You have been called together because it is believed, by the Committee on Enlistments, that prompt action will be necessary, if we desire to recruit and yet avoid the high bounties heretofore paid for men. The resolution adopted by your honorable body at the last regular meeting, limited the bounty to be offered to three hundred dollars, to be paid in bonds. Men could have been procured, and were offered to me, for three hundred and fifty dollars, in bonds, for a small number, about three weeks ago, when I recommended that authority be given to recruit, limiting the committee to four hundred dollars bounty, but leaving the committee discretionary power to offer such sum less than that amount as might be necessary to procure the men. That recommendation was laid upon the table, and taken up at the last meeting, when, as I am informed, Alderman Quaife stated that a responsible party had offered to furnish the men, or a part of them, for three hundred dollars, taking bonds.

As Alderman Quaife is the Commissioner of Enrollment for this district, and familiar with the methods of recruiting and procuring substitutes, and with the prices paid, it was natural that the other members of the board should place confidence in the statement, and the limit was accordingly ordered from *four hundred to three hundred dollars*. The Committee on Enlistments, not being aware of any source from which men could be procured at that price, was called together, and Alderman Quaife, formerly a member of the committee, was invited to be present. He did not attend, and a committee was appointed to wait upon him, to ascertain the name of the responsible party to which he alluded, as being ready to furnish men at the price named by him. He gave the name of Mr. Shrope.

Mr. Shrope was invited to a meeting of the committee, and there stated that Alderman Quaife was in error; that he did not offer to furnish recruits at any price; but that he expressed his opinion to the Alderman, that if the city would offer a bond to principals furnishing substitutes, of three hundred dollars, many of our citizens would avail themselves of the offer.

Mr. Shrope was asked by the Committee at what price he would furnish substitutes, and he declined to state a definite price, but said he would make his bargains with the citizens themselves, and would charge them from two to three hundred dollars, in addition to the bond, thus enabling the wealthiest classes to get substitutes, but entirely shutting out the laboring class, as

very few of them could raise two or three hundred dollars in cash to pay. Mr. Shrope thought recruits could be procured for *about four hundred and fifty dollars*, but he was not prepared to say he could furnish any at any price.

I am still under the impression that men can be procured for the limit first named, four hundred dollars; but believe it desirable to get men for more than one year, if possible, provided they can be had at the bounty the city can afford to pay; and with that view, I would recommend that authority be given to procure five hundred men for *one, two, or three years*, and that the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to use their discretion in offering bounties, but that the bounty shall not exceed four hundred and fifty dollars. The Committee would probably be able to get men for more than one year, with such authority.

That there will soon be a call for men, and that when the call is made, the bounty necessary to procure them will be very large, must be apparent to you all. At this moment the competition in recruiting is limited, but it is increasing daily as cities, towns and counties are commencing to recruit. Newark City will commence the first of next week to recruit one thousand men, at a cash bounty of \$300, for one year men; \$400 for two year men; and \$500 for three year men; and their desire is to procure the men for the longest time possible. The same policy should govern our action. That the war will continue and the government need the men for more than one year is a foregone conclusion. That we cannot continue to pay high bounties for men every year, must be equally plain. But there is another and more patriotic reason for furnishing men for more than one year, if they can be procured, involving the usefulness of the men we may furnish. At the end of the first year's service the men will just begin to be really useful, and we should aim at something higher while recruiting, than simply to avoid the draft. We should be prompted by an earnest desire to assist the general government in putting down the rebellion.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
O. CLEVELAND.

On motion of Ald. Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the vote be reconsidered by which was adopted on the 6th inst the resolution authorizing the Committee on Enlistments to recruit 500 volunteers, in anticipation of a future call, and to offer a bounty of \$300 for volunteers and substitutes.

Alderman Gafney moved,

That the resolution be amended by striking out three hundred dollars and inserting four hundred and fifty dollars as a bounty for three year volunteers and substitutes, and a proportionate sum for a lesser period.

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas:—President Clarke, Aldermen Decker, Drake, Gafney, Kane, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Nays:—Aldermen Edge, Finck, and Gaddis.

Absent:—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Ege, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Alderman Pangborn moved,

That the Committee on enlistments be authorized to hire and open an office and employ competent assistance, and that they be empowered to offer to every citizen who shall furnish a substitute, a City bond for three hundred dollars, payable in one year, with interest at the rate of seven per cent; and that on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, such bond be issued to the citizen furnishing such substitute, by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, and be delivered on presentation of the proper certificate



to the Comptroller, that a substitute has been furnished.

Ald. Kane moved,

That the resolution be amended by striking out \$300 and inserting \$400.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Drake, Kane and Finck.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Finck, Kane, and Pangborn.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Edge, and Gaddis.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Ege, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Alderman Gafney and Nafew, asked to be and were excused from voting.

Alderman Pangborn's motion as amended was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—President Clarke, Aldermen Drake, Kane, and Pangborn.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Ege, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

On motion of Alderman Decker the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the City Clerk's Office, Tuesday, December 13, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Hough and Terry.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 6th inst., and of the special meeting of the 9th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of Joseph W. Morgan for cancellation of sale of lot 58 in block 32, Mangin's map, sold for Water Rents of 1857, &c., accompanied by affidavits of C. H. Voorhis, the purchaser at corporation sale of said lot &c.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, which Committee subsequently presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas a receipt for sale of lot No. 58 in block 32, Mangin's map, the same being sold for arrears of Water Rents, owned by Elizabeth Steele, called in the sale hereinafter mentioned Eliza Steele, was issued to Charles H. Voorhis, which said sale took place on 3d February, 1859, and

Whereas no declaration of sale has been issued thereon, and

Whereas it appears by affidavits of said Voorhis and Joseph W. Morgan that said receipt was delivered by said Voorhis to said Morgan; and it appears by the affidavit of Joseph W. Morgan that said receipt has been lost, and application being made by the said Elizabeth Steele through said Joseph W. Morgan for the cancellation of said sale of record; therefore,

Resolved, That the sale above mentioned be cancelled of record by the City Clerk.

The report was received and the preamble and resolution were adopted.

Official bond of Patrick Ludlow, as pound master of the second, fourth, and fifth wards, with Matthew McNulty and James Harper as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Application of Christopher Flinspach for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern at No. 33 Newark avenue, in the 2nd ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Michael Walker for an additional junk shop license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of N. D. Taylor, D. E. Culver, and C. Rawson, executive committee of the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company, for permission to lay railroad tracks for a horse railroad, beginning in the centre of Hudson street, where the same crosses the bridge of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, in Communipaw Cove or New York Bay, and from thence along the center of said Hudson street to the center of Montgomery street, thence up Montgomery street to the center of Greene street, thence through the center of Greene street to the center of Pavonia avenue, thence through the center of Pavonia avenue to the center of Hudson street, thence northerly from Pavonia avenue through the center of Hudson street to the northerly limits of the city, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Resignation of Alderman Gaddis as a member of the Finance Committee.

The resignation was not accepted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Samuel Bridgart, \$28 25; William C. Curren, \$122 00; Drayton & Durant, \$97 69; Matthew Erwin, \$56 14; James Fallon, \$12 00; J. W. Harrison, \$20 85; John Hogan, \$12 00; R. B.

Kashow, \$0 48; Patrick Mannion, \$21 37; James McDermott, \$30 00; John McGuigan, \$51 95; Joseph Pye, \$30 00; Patrick Quinn, \$15 00; J. F. Richardson, \$54 05; Hugh Reiley and Brother, \$29 38; and Charles Stone & Son, \$5 50, and \$1 80.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, recommending that a fire alarm bell be placed on the house of Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, for the benefit of the firemen of the 4th and 5th Wards was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, in Improvement certificates, on account of his contracts for the Improvement of Railroad avenue, from Warren street to Prospect street, and Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Gregory street, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, enclosing returns of the following elections in, and resignations and expulsions from said Department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of A. B. Dean, William Pearsall, jr., and Otto L. Peterson, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; H. Buhler, Martin Connelly and Charles Quinlan, by Engine Co. No. 2; Isaac Kelly, by Engine Co. No. 3; Theodore A. Tupper, by Hose Co. No. 2; James A. Rikeman, George Brammer, and John H. Burke, by Hose Co. No. 4.

Resignations of Marvin R. Palmer and Frederick Cooper, from Engine Co. No. 1; Edward Slattery, from Engine Co. No. 4; Charles M. Erwin, from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; and John Schaffell, from Hose Co. No. 4.

Expulsions of William A. Phillips, and Benjamin F. Britton, from Engine Co. No. 1; and Mortimer Jahue, from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

The communications were received and the action of the Board of Fire Commissioners was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 6th inst., the official bond of George Maculey, as Pound Master, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of George Maculey, as Pound Master, for the First, Third and Sixth Wards in Jersey City, executed by him as principal, and by Smith Mead and John Geraghty as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received and resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred May 3d, 1864, with power to advertise and sell, according to law, the property described therein, &c., the return of the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid assessment for receiving basin and culvert on north-east corner of Prospect and South Eighth streets, presented a report thereon, setting forth that said return was placed in the hands of the Collector of Revenue, and said unpaid assessments were collected by said officer, &c.

The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report setting forth that the Firemen's Fund Association have not the sum of \$875 to invest, as provided by resolution passed Nov. 29, 1864, &c., the report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution passed Nov. 29th, 1864, authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow \$875 from the Fire Department Fund, and ordering a warrant drawn in favor of William H. Van Ness, for \$3,375, for amount of his contract



for building steam fire engine be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to issue under the corporate seal of the city, a city bond to William H. Van Ness for the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, payable in five years from its date, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William H. Van Ness for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, said bond and warrant to be in full payment of the amount of his contract for construction of Steam Fire Engine No. 1.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,  
Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Hough and Terry.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred November 15, 1864, the communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Scott, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon setting forth that "they have investigated the charges and come to the conclusion that the time said policeman has been suspended from duty is sufficient punishment for the offence," the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be authorized to reinstate Officer Scott in his position as policeman from and after this date.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Ege, Chairman of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, presented renewals of policies of insurance on the City Hall, Station House and School House, No. 3, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the following named Insurance Companies for renewal of Policies of Insurance on School House, No. 3, Station House and City Hall as follows:

Jersey City Insurance Company, \$25 25, on School House, No. 3; Jersey City Insurance Company, \$25 25, on Station House; State Insurance Company, \$25 25, on City Hall; Jersey City Insurance Company, \$25 25, on City Hall; and Hudson County Mutual Insurance Company, \$25 25, on City Hall.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, who have under consideration the petition referred to them on the 6th inst., of E. Hope, jr., and P. Mannion for a receiving basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, &c., and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said basin, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing:

Resolved, That Wednesday, December 28, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Sewers of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to this Common Council, November 1st, 1864, of Edward Hope, jr., and P. Mannion, for the construction of a receiving basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, south side, at a point 100 feet easterly from Southeast corner of Prospect street and Railroad avenue, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time

required by law, notice of the presentation of said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing; and to embrace in said notice the estimate and description furnished by the Board of Water Commissioners in their communication presented to this Common Council December 6, 1864.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred this evening the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, on account of his contract for improvement of Railroad avenue, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes, for five hundred dollars, being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of south side of Railroad avenue, from Warren street to Prospect street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Hough and Terry.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred this evening the certificate of D. E. Culver, city surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes, on account of his contract for improvement of Montgomery street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes, for one thousand dollars, being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of Montgomery street, from Warren street to Van Vorst street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, Aldermen Decker, and Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Hough and Terry.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of S. M. Hoffman, \$17.81 and \$4.00.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$20.35; S. M. Hoffman, \$254.25, and Taylors' Hotel, \$65.50.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of William Griffin, \$27.00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 6th inst., was taken from the table for consideration, viz:

An ordinance to establish, regulate and control the appointment, duties and responsibilities of the Pound Master in Jersey City.

The ordinance was amended.

On a motion by Alderman Gafney to amend sec-

tion six, by striking out three dollars and inserting five dollars as the amount to be paid for the redemption of a goat impounded, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Drake, Edge and Decker, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, and Gafney.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Hough, and Terry.

During the consideration of the ordinance Alderman moved,

"That the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed for one week."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Pangborn and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Hough, and Terry.

Pending the further consideration of the ordinance Alderman Edge moved,

"That its consideration be postponed for one week."

The motion was lost, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Drake and Gaddis.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Kane and Lennon.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Hough, and Terry.

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered taken,

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Quaife.

Nay—Alderman Drake.

Absent—Aldermen Hough, and Terry.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earle and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to examine and report upon all charges against policemen as soon as possible after the same have been referred to them, and also to report the testimony taken by them upon such charges.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earl and adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Lamps with power to place more gas lamps where the railroad crosses Newark Avenue, if they deem it expedient so to do.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Pangborn, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

An ordinance to prevent railroad companies from sprinkling salt upon the public streets of the city:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved, That the Committee on enlistments be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed with the enlistment of men to the number of not to exceed five hundred, to meet any future call of the President of the United States for volunteers or any future draft; and that said Committee be authorized to pay in city bonds to volunteers or substitutes, or to principals furnishing substitutes, the sum of (not to exceed) five hundred dollars, to those who may enlist or be furnished for three years: the sum of (not to exceed) four hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for two years, and a sum of (not to exceed) three hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for one year; and, that said bonds be drawn payable in one year from their date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and contain a proviso that the same shall be, at the option of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, convertible into twenty years' (coupon) seven per cent. bonds, and that on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and requested to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, city bonds to the amount necessary to pay the bounties above provided for to volunteers or substitutes, or principals furnishing substitutes, and be delivered on presentation to the Comptroller of the proper certificate of enlistment, or that a substitute has been furnished.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the consideration of the resolution was ordered to be postponed for one week.

On motion of Alderman Gafney it was,

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to employ one or more persons in each ward as said committee may deem expedient, to accompany the Government officers, and aid them in making a correct enrollment.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the City Clerk's Office, Tuesday, December 20, 1864, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

Alderman McBride being the only member of Committee on Alms present at this time, requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said Committee for the evening, for the purpose of auditing claims.

Whereupon Alderman Nafew was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of Edmund Isbells for permission to redeem lot 57, Steuben street, in block 138, 48 or C, sold to the City Treasurer October 1, 1862, for unpaid assessment, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Thomas W. Tilden and others, Firemen of Jersey City, to have a fire bell placed on house of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, located in Erie street, between South Fourth and South Third streets, &c.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Petition of Willard Derby to have refunded the sum of fifteen dollars, paid by him into the city treasury to defray the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Green street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Resignation of Alderman Gaddis as a member of the Finance Committee.

Accepted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Delos E. Culver, \$17.50; William Griffin, \$27; J. W. Harrison, \$20.35; S. M. Hoffman, \$254.25, \$17.81, and \$4; A. G. Mason, \$37.50 and \$4; J. O. Seymour & Co. \$22.50, and Taylor's Hotel, \$65.50.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from his Honor the Mayor, tendering his resignation as a member of the Committee on Enlistments, was presented, received and laid upon the table.

A communication from the City Treasurer, in reference to the financial condition of the city treasury, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A report of Michael McKone, gauger and inspector of domestic liquids, for the quarter ending Dec. 19, 1864, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners recommending that Hudson Hose Company, No. 1, be furnished with a house, and placed on duty, &c., was presented, received, and laid upon the table.

The petition of D. E. Culver and others, for improvement of Grand street, from Jersey street to Mill creek, referred to the corporation attorney, July 19, 1864 was reported back by said officer as drawn in legal form.

The report was received, and the petition referred to the Committee on streets.

A return from the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid water rents for the year, commencing May 1st, 1863, was presented, received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

The City Clerk presented a report of the approval by his Honor the Mayor, on the 19th inst., of the ordinance passed December 13th, 1864, entitled "An ordinance to establish, regulate and con-

trol the appointment, duties, and responsibilities of the Pound Master in Jersey City."

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special Committee on enlistments presented a report, setting forth that under call of the President of the United States, dated July 18, 1864, for 500,000 men, there was recruited under the direction of said committee 1,011 men, at a total cost of \$599,551 46, or \$593 03 per man, &c.

The report recommending a reference of the same to the committee on Finance for examination.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Gaddis, ordered to be printed in the minutes, and referred to the committee on Finance for examination as therein recommended.

Said report being as follows:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 19, 1864.

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your committee on enlistments would respectfully present the following report of the statistics connected with their operations in filling the quota under the call of July 18, 1864, for 500,000 men.

	Original Quota.	Naval Allowance.	Total to be Recruited.
1st Ward	193	12	181
2d "	202	13	189
3d "	142	13	129
4th "	222	15	207
5th "	133	10	123
6th "	151	35	116
Total	1,043	98	955

Corrections of the quota were finally made as follows: 1st ward, 4 added; 2d ward, 13 deducted; 3d ward, 11 deducted; 4th ward, 13 deducted; 5th and 6th wards, not changed, being a total reduction of 33 men from the quota, and leaving the actual number to be furnished in each ward, with the number finally recruited, and surplus as follows:

	No. to furnish.	No. recruited.	Surplus.
1st Ward	185	217	32
2d "	176	191	15
3d "	118	127	9
4th "	194	210	16
5th "	123	136	13
6th "	116	138	22
Total	912	1,019	107

A list marked A, herewith, contains the names of volunteers recruited, showing the wards to which they are credited: and a list marked B, also, herewith transmitted, contains the names of citizens who have furnished substitutes, the names of their substitutes, and the ward to which they are credited, an abstract of both lists being as follows, viz.:

	Volunteers.	Substitutes.	Total.
1st Ward	109	108	217
2d "	151	40	191
3d "	50	77	127
4th "	117	93	210
5th "	92	44	136
6th "	125	13	138

Volunteers 614 Substitutes 375 Total 1,019

The credit for twelve of the volunteers for the Sixth Ward, recruited at the front, and paid the bounty, was suspended by the A. A. P. M. Gen., Col. R. C. Buchanan, on account of some informality in the papers, and application was made to the War Department to have them credited. A copy of the Mayor's letter applying for the credit, and the letter of Major Williams acknowledging



the receipt of the same, are with the papers of the committee, but no further advice has been received in regard to them. At a personal interview with the Mayor in Washington, Major Williams assured him that the credits would be made, and were only delayed by the failure of the mustering officer at the front to make the proper returns to the department.

The following are the names—

*12 Men not credited, re-enlisted at the front.*

1. Thomas Hays.
2. James Moran.
3. Patrick Caffery.
4. William Morgan.
5. William Lynch.
6. Charles Gordon.
7. Thomas Pavell.
8. John Porter.
9. Henry Riley.
10. Edward Gordon.
11. William Millitt.
12. James Gordon.

There are also six men recruited in the navy for the Fourth Ward not yet credited, the papers for which credits were sent to Trenton, but no return has yet been received, no doubt only from neglect of the officer having charge of credits.

Their names are as follows, viz:

1. George Robinson.
2. Alfred Blanchard.
3. Thomas Irwin.
4. James Acosta.
5. Thomas Dillon.
6. Benjamin Gray.

Both of these lists of names are counted in our statement of surplus, which, when these credits are received at Newark, will really show, on the books of the Provost Marshal, an actual surplus of 124 over the call of July 18, 1864.

The above volunteers and substitutes were paid for as follows, viz:

5	volunteers paid cash	\$300 each	\$1,500
47	"	400 "	18,800
4	"	425 "	1,700
34	"	500 "	17,000
2	"	525 "	1,050
14	"	550 "	7,700
16	"	550.62½	8,810
161	"	600 "	96,600
54	"	650 "	35,100
2	"	675 "	1,350
5	"	700 "	3,500
1	"	750 "	750
35	"	800 "	28,000

\$221,860

380 men, being an average of \$583.48 for each man.

Payment was made in bonds of \$1,000 each for volunteers to the following persons, the vouchers being numbered as in the margin:

No. 1, for 10 men, to Stimets, at \$700 each, 7 bonds.

No. 2, for 6 men, to Hoagland, \$750 each, 4 bonds.

No. 3, for 22 men, to Duvall (14) and (2) Powers, \$750 each, 16 bonds.

No. 4, for 5 men, to Hopper, \$800 each, 4 bonds.

No. 5, for 16 men, to Simpson, \$700 each, 11 bonds.

No. 6, for 13 men, to McNulty, \$700 each, 10 bonds.

No. 7 { for 30 men, to Crookston, \$750 each, }  
 { for 20 men, to do., 700 each, } 37 bs  
 { for 1 man, to do., 500 each, }

No. 8, for 15 men, to Herdman, \$700 each, 11 bonds.

No. 9, for 2 men, to Frear, \$700 each, 1 bond.

No. 10 { for 1 man, to Green, \$800, } 1 bond.  
 { for 1 man, to do., 650, }

No. 11, for 1 man, to Koln, \$700, 1 bond.

No. 12, for 2 men, to Norris, \$700 each, 2 bonds.

No. 13, for 4 men, to Bryer, \$750 each, 3 bonds.

No. 14, for 33 men, to Mathews, \$700 each, 23 bonds.

No. 15, for 5 men, to Mathews, \$800 each, and for 16 men at \$700 each, 16 bonds.

No. 16, for 1 man, to Brown, \$775, 1 bond.

No. 17, for 45 men, to Williams, \$775 each, 35 bonds.

No. 18, for 1 man, to Mayer, \$700, 1 bond.

No. 19, for 6 men, to Brokaw, \$650 each, 2 bonds.

Total, 256 men, 186 bonds, being an average of about \$735 each.

There are seven men credited to Jersey City for which was to be paid \$750 each in bonds, but as the vouchers for the men had not yet been presented, no settlement has been made, and your Committee are unable to give the names of the volunteers, and have not counted them.

There are also 65 naval credits for which \$750 each in bonds was to have been paid, but the papers were sent back to Washington by A. A. P. M. General Buchanan, and the vouchers have not reached the Committee, consequently no settlement was made for them, and they are not counted in these tables.

Total number of volunteers credited, of

which we have the names, ..... 644

Total number paid in cash and bonds. .... 636

Leaving not paid. .... 8

William Maisch is entitled to a bounty of, \$600

Charles A. Galluba, " " 500

J. C. Sandford, " " 600

James Masbecker, " " 600

Col. J. T. Close, for one credit, " 750

The other three men are not known to the committee, and may have been credited in error.

Two of the above men, Sandford and Masbecker wished their bounty to be retained by Jersey City, and the interest allowed to them, and your committee would respectfully suggest that their wish be complied with.

161 Citizens were paid for substitutes in cash \$400 each, ..... \$64,400

1 " " " " 500

95 " " in bonds, at \$400 each, 38,000

4 " " \$500 each, 2,000

113 " " \$600 each, 67,800

1 Substitute paid for W. E. Pearson, 3d

ward, ..... 800

375 Substitutes, Total \$173,500

A number of well known citizens asked Mr. Hough, the very efficient clerk of the committee, to have substitutes mustered in for them, and paid, and they would refund the money; and Mr. Pearson was the only one who declined to pay when notified. His exemption paper is held by the committee.

By the following statements and tables, it will be seen that bounties in cash and bonds, have been paid for 1,011 volunteers and substitutes, to the amount of \$581,360.

To which must be added for hand money paid, from \$10 each, to \$100 each, for a part of them; for clerk hire, office rent, transportation of recruits and substitutes; subsistence of men recruited too late for muster the same day, and often on Saturday afternoons, when they had to be kept over till Monday morning; travelling expenses of the clerk and persons employed by the committee; expenses incurred in examination of the enrolment and re-canvassing the wards; efforts to recruit in the rebellious states; balances in settling with bonds; and all other expenses, the whole being too voluminous to be stated in this report, but the vouchers for which, to the smallest detail, are ready for

delivery to the common council. Total \$18,191 46.  
 Total cost of recruiting under call of July 18, 1864, \$599,551 46.

Being an average total cost, including hand-money and expenses, as above stated, of volunteers and substitutes of \$593 03 each.

"Your committee would respectfully recommend that the foregoing statements be referred to your committee on Finance for examination. All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. CLEVELAND,	} Committee.
THOS. GAFNEY,	
T. B. DECKER,	
J. W. PANGBORN,	
A. DRAKE,	
C. KANE.	

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred this evening the petition of Edmond Isbills for permission to redeem a lot belonging to him sold to the City Treasurer, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Edmond Isbills to redeem lot 22½ (Assessment map No.) Steuben street, in block 138, 43 or C, from the sale made to the City Treasurer, October 1st, 1862, for assessment for regulating Steuben street from Warren street to Prospect street, including intersections, the time for redemption having expired ; provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired ; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lot was sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Law and Ordinances to whom was referred on the 6th inst., the petition of Patrick Mannion for remission of fine for violating city ordinance, &c., presented a report recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Patrick Mannion for the sum of five dollars.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances who were requested by resolution passed on the 5th inst., to report any amendments to the city charter they may deem desirable, &c., presented a report thereon submitting the following list of different amendments.

First. Confirmation of bonds made for bounty purposes.

Second. Establishment of a permanent Sinking Fund.

Third. Abolishing limitation of per centage on value of property assessed in cases of taxation.

Fourth. For the election of Commissioners of Appeal for the City to be elected for the term of three years.

Fifth. Defining the duties of Assessor and facilitating the collection of taxes.

Sixth. Require auctioneers to give bonds for the benefit of the citizens.

The following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That the matters relating to the amendments to the charter contained in this report be submitted to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances to the end that said Committee in conjunction with the City Attorney report to this board as soon as practicable the acts therein referred to.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the license applications heretofore referred to them of the following named persons, the following resolutions accompanying the reports

The report were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows :

Resolved That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Patrick Cunningham, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a license be granted to Christopher Flinspach to keep an inn and tavern at No. 33 Newark avenue, in the Second Ward of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, and Ege.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

Resolved, That an additional Junk License be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, to Michael Walker on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nay—Alderman Finck.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred November 29, 1864, the communication from His Honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension from duty of policeman Ramsey, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved That thirty days' pay be deducted from the salary of policeman Samuel Ramsey, as punishment and penalty for his offences.

The report was received.

Alderman Gaddis moved, that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That policeman Samuel Ramsey be dismissed from the Police Department of Jersey City, for the reasons stated in the communication of His Honor the Mayor, presented to the Common Council November 29, 1864.

The amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Terry and Quaife :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

Alderman Gaddis moved

That the resolution be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That Policeman Samuel Ramsey be suspended from service for six months from this date, as a punishment for the offence charged against him in the communication of His Honor the Mayor, presented, November 29, 1864.

Alderman Gafney moved to amend the motion of Alderman Gaddis by striking out "six months" and inserting "sixty days."



The amendment to the amendment was lost, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Ege, and Quaife.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

Alderman Drake moved to amend the motion of Alderman Gaddis by striking out "six months," and inserting "three months."

The amendment to the amendment was adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Drake, Gafney and Quaife.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Ege, Gaddis, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The amendment as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The resolution as amended, was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken,

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker Ege, Finck, Gaddis, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The resolution as amended and adopted being as follows:

Resolved, That Policeman Samuel Ramsey be suspended from service for three months from this date, as a punishment for the offence charged against him in the communication of His Honor the Mayor, presented November 29, 1864.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred Oct. 6th, 1864, the petition of Policeman Michael Nugent, to be remunerated for loss of time by reason of injuries received while in the discharge of his duty, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Michael Nugent for the amount of \$9 86, four and one half days pay as policeman to remunerate him for loss of time by reason of injuries received while in the discharge of his duty; the amount to be taken from the police appropriation.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred Nov. 29, 1864, the communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Maxwell, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be authorized to reinstate Officer Maxwell in his position as policeman on the expiration of thirty days from the date of the Mayor's communication announcing his suspension.

The report was received.

Alderman Gaddis moved to amend the resolution by striking out "thirty days" and inserting "sixty days."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Kane and Gaddis.

Yeas—Alderman Earle, Gaddis, McBride, and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The resolution was then adopted.

Alderman Ege, Chairman of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented two renewals of policies of insurance of the Merchants Insurance Company on Station House and School House, No. 3, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Merchants Insurance Company of the city of New York, for the following sums, viz.:

Twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents for renewal of Policy of Insurance on the Station House.

Twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents for renewal of Policy of Insurance on Public School No. 3.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred November 22, 1864, the petition of Garret E. Winants and others, remonstrating against the building of the main sewer in Bay or South Ninth street, at the present time, presented a report thereon, setting forth that said petition was presented too late.

The report was received and adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Japhet Jardine, \$9.16, and Peter Rush, \$11.84.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of John Anness, \$93.39; Thomas S. Holmes, \$16.50, and Charles Scott, \$64.93, \$62.29, \$41.94, and \$38.29.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of John Anness, \$2.63.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of John Anness, \$84.10; Japhet Jardine, \$17.35, \$11.74, and Charles Scott, \$17.96.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Carroll, \$23.50.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of R. C. Bacot, \$25; John Coar, \$694.50; Wm. Connor, \$27; D. E. Culver, \$10; James Fallon, \$8; John Hogan, \$8; F. J. Mallory, \$10 and \$5; James McDonald, \$24; Patrick Quin, \$10, and Peter Rush, \$19.27.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Board, approved April 29, 1864, whereby permission is given to A. S. Jarvis to lay a track of iron rails from the track of the Erie Railway, on North Fourth street, across Provost street, and along North Fourth street, from Provost street to Prospect street, be referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to have the said tracks removed, or such action had in reference thereto as to them may seem advisable, in order to have the improvement on said Provost street entirely completed.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the consideration of the resolution was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Ege, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings of this Common Council have, in pursuance of a resolution approved October 11th, 1864, caused to be sold at public auction to Daniel McLeod, the highest bidder therefore, lot No. 26,

Bright street, in block 270, City map, for the sum of two thousand and two dollars. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby requested to execute a deed for said lot when the same shall be prepared by the City Attorney; and that the corporate seal be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the following resolution presented on the 6th instant, was taken from the table for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to contract for a Steam Fire Engine for Co. No. 5, at the lowest possible price, said steamer to be in every respect equal to No. 1, to be paid for in coupon bonds bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent, payable in 5 years.

Alderman Quaife accepted 'an amendment to add the words, "at a cost not to exceed \$4,500."

The resolution was further amended, and as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Gafney and McBride.

Absent—Alderman Hough.

The resolution as amended and adopted being as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to advertise for proposals for a contract for the construction of a Steam Fire Engine for Co. No. 5; said steamer to be in every respect similar to number one, to be paid for in Coupon Bonds, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent., payable in five years:

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved—That a City Bond be issued to the Hudson County Bank, to bear date December 30, 1864, payable at the expiration of six months, with interest at the rate of seven per cent., per annum; in the sum of \$17,000, the same being for renewal in part of a bond of \$41,183, falling due upon the day before mentioned, issued to said bank for a loan to pay for the opening of Montgomery street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays:—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis, and Hough.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved: That a City Bond be issued to the

Jersey City Insurance Company, to bear date, December 20, 1864, payable at the expiration of six months, with interest at the rate of 7 per cent., per annum, in the sum of \$15,000, the same being for renewal of a bond of same amount, falling due this day, issued to said Jersey City Insurance Co., for money borrowed in anticipation of Taxes, 1864.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas:—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays:—None.

Absent:—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis, and Hough.

The following resolutions were offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the payment of the State Tax due this day, in the sum of \$14,282 47.

Also, Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector, for the payment of the County Tax now due, in the sum of \$29,266 67.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Edge and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Nathaniel Ellis for the sum of \$4 50, to remunerate him for a pair of hand cuffs bought by him for the use of the Police Department, the amount to be taken from the Police Appropriation.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the communication received this evening from His Honor the Mayor tendering his resignation as a member of the Committee on Enlistments was taken from the table.

The resignation was accepted and on motion of Alderman Pangborn the Committee on Enlistments were discharged.

By unanimous consent of the Board, Alderman Pangborn withdrew the ordinance presented by him on the 13th inst., entitled "An ordinance to prevent railroad companies from sprinkling salt upon the public streets of the city."

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Pangborn laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz:

"An ordinance to prohibit the sprinkling of salt or other injurious matter upon the public streets of the city."

On motion of Alderman Ege, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, December 27, 1864, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 20th inst. were read and approved.

Alderman Kane being the only member of the Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections present requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said committee for the evening, for the purpose of auditing claims.

Whereupon Alderman McBride was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Petition of Michael Walker for license to keep a junk shop at No. 43 Railroad avenue, in the second ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of N. D. Taylor, D. E. Culver, and C. Rawson, executive committee of New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company, for permission to lay turnouts along the line of their railroad as applied for, and for a route through Greene street, from Montgomery street to York street, and through York street to Hudson street, to avoid meeting cars going from Ferry at foot of Montgomery street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Railroads.

Petition of W. S. Gilbert, to have refunded the sum of fifteen dollars paid by him into the City Treasury towards defraying the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Greene street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of D. E. Culver and others, to have Gregory street, from Montgomery street to York street, refilled to the established grade, repaved, curb and gutter set, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Anness, \$93 39, \$84 10, and \$2 63; R. C. Bacot, \$25; G. L. Cannon, Agt., \$30; John Coar, \$694 50; William Connor, \$27; D. E. Culver, \$10; James Fallon, \$8; Thomas S. Holmes, \$16 50; John Hogan, \$8; Japhet Jardine, \$17 35, \$11 74, and \$9 16; F. J. Mallory, \$10, and \$5; James McDonald, \$24; Patrick Quinn, \$10; Peter Rush, \$19 27, and \$11 84; and Charles Scott \$64 93, \$62 29, \$41 94, \$38 29, and \$17 96.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Ryan, \$20; Michael Killeen, \$33; Samuel D. Ellis, \$11; Commissioners of Appeal, \$83 A. B. Reynolds, \$5 15; J. R. Scott, \$66 66; John B. Haight, \$116 67, and \$25; R. D. McClelland, \$150; Wm. Whitley, \$53 33; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 67; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; George W. Cassidy, \$166 66; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 33; C. C. Martindale, \$58 33; and John D. Nolan, \$33 33.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The resignation of Joseph H. Rommel, as Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves, and Piers, was presented, received and accepted.

A communication was presented from the Corporation Attorney, enclosing drafts of the following entitled proposed legislative enactments, viz.:

"Supplement to an act entitled An Act to Incorporate Jersey City, approved March 18, 1851."

"An Act to legalize loans made by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, for purposes relating to the maintenance of the Federal Government, and provide for the raising of further sums."

"An act to repeal an act, entitled 'an Act respecting the Hudson Brigade, approved March 10, 1862.'"

The communication was received, and on motion of Alderman Pangborn, the consideration of the proposed amendments was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The petition of Diedrich Muller and others, for improvement of side walk, on east side of Grove street, one hundred feet south of south east corner of Grove street and Pavonia avenue, referred to the Corporation Attorney, November, 29, 1864, was reported back by said officer, as drawn in legal form. The report was received, and the petition referred to the Committee on streets.

The petition of Mrs. J. Curry and others, to have the vacant lots fronting on South 7th and South 8th streets, between Grove and Erie streets fenced in, referred to the corporation attorney November 29, 1864, was reported back by said officer as drawn in legal form.

The report was received and the petition referred to the Committee on Streets.

A communication was presented from the corporation attorney in reference to applications for street improvements, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the corporation attorney be and is hereby requested, when application is made for any streets improvement, before he reports to this Board whether the application is drawn in legal form or not, to employ one of the city surveyors to examine the condition of such parts of the street asked to be improved, and that his report of the facts to this Board shall be based upon the information received from the examination of such surveyor.

On motion of Alderman Earle the resolution was amended so as to read as follows, and as amended was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be, and are hereby requested, when application is made for any street improvement, before the corporation attorney reports to this Board whether the application is drawn in legal form or not, to employ one of the city surveyors to examine the condition of such parts of the street asked to be improved, and that the corporation attorney's report of the facts to this Board shall be based upon the information received from the examination of such surveyor.

A communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners recommending that a suitable location be selected in the Fifth Ward, in the vicinity of Long Dock, for a Fire Engine Company, to be known as the J. C. Minot Engine Co. No. 7, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following elections in and re-ignation and expulsions from said Department, confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of John N. Jackson and Henry Smith, by Hose Co. No. 3; J. N. Harriman, by Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1; John McCabe, by Engine Co. No. 6.

Resignation of Joseph W. Edwards, from Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2.

Expulsions of Isaac Jennings from Engine Co. No. 4; and Henry Blake, from Hose Co. No. 2.

The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.



## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the Improvement of Prospect street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Hugh Keenan for one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for Superintending the improvement of Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to North Seventh street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Isaac B. Culver, for one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment maps, for the improvement of Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to North 7th street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, city bonds in sums of five hundred dollars each, be issued to Messrs William Keeney and John R. Halladay to the amount of four thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars and forty-one cents (\$4,664 41), for balance due them on their contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Prospect street from the north line of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street; the said bonds to be dated December 12, 1864, (the date of the approval of the resolution confirming the assessment,) and drawn payable in five years from said date with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum; and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the said bonds and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred, June 21, 1864, to be assessed, the claim of Keeney & Halladay, \$169.77, for work on Prospect street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the items named in the bill are for work not included in the ordinance providing for the improvement of Prospect street, and recommending that the action had June 21, 1864, be rescinded and the claim be ordered paid.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted and the claim ordered paid.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred, November 29, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Chance Policeman Dolan on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That twenty days pay be deducted from the salary of chance policeman Dolan as a punishment for his offences.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred, November 29, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman Doyle, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a re-

port thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That twenty-five days pay be deducted from the salary of Policeman Doyle, as a penalty for his offences.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Pangborn and Ege :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Finck, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred, December 6, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Policeman Simmons, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That forty days' pay be deducted from the salary of Policeman Michael Simmons, as penalty for his offences.

The report was received.

Alderman Finck moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That Policeman Michael Simmons be dismissed from the Police Department, for being drunk and fighting December 2, 1864.

The amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Decker, Ege, and Terry :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Ege, Finck, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Earle, Edge, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Decker, and Pangborn :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Kane, McBride, and Pangborn.

Nay—Aldermen Ege, Finck, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred December 6, 1864, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Policeman McDonough, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved, That thirty days' pay be deducted from the salary of Policeman McDonough, as a punishment for his offences.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Finck and Gafney :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gafney, McBride, Nafew, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Finck, Kane, Pangborn, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 20th inst., the petition of Willard Derby, to have refunded the sum of fifteen dollars paid by him into the City Treasury towards defraying preliminary expenses in improvement of Greene street, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for fifteen dollars, in favor of Willard Derby, being the amount advanced by him to defray the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Greene street.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, this evening the petition of W. S. Gilbert to have refunded the sum of fifteen dollars paid by him towards defraying the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Wayne street, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of William S. Gilbert, for the sum of fifteen dollars, to refund amount paid by him into the City Treasury, towards defraying the preliminary expenses in the improvement of Wayne street from the centre line of Colgate street, to the westerly boundary of Jersey City.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of B. French, \$20 75; Mrs. J. Longstaff, \$145 70; and A. B. Reynolds, \$3 54.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Commissioners of Assessments, \$30, \$30, \$30, \$30, and \$30.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Of T. A. Chamberlain, \$62 80, and \$17 50; J. W. Harrison, \$38 80; and A. B. Reynolds, \$25 05.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of P. H. Nugent, \$48 75; and Jacob Soney, \$12 60.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of P. H. Nugent, \$5 65; Jacob Soney, \$1 40; and C. Van Brunt, \$14 66.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Edward Hope, Jr., \$12.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices, and Elections.

Of Isaac B. Culver, \$10.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the following resolution, presented on the 13th inst., was taken from the table for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on enlistments be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed with the enlistment of men to the number of not to exceed five hundred, to meet any future call of the President of the United States for volunteers or any future draft; and that said Committee be authorized to pay in city bonds to volunteers or substitutes, or to principals furnishing substitutes, the sum of (not to exceed) five hundred dollars, to those who may enlist or be furnished for three years: the sum of (not to exceed) four hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for two years, and a sum of (not to exceed) three hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for one year; and, that said bonds be drawn payable in one year from their date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum and contain a proviso that the same shall be, at the option of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, convertible into twenty years' (coupon) seven per cent. bonds, and that on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and requested to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, city bonds to the amount necessary to pay the bounties above provided for to volunteers or substitutes, or principals furnishing substitutes, and be delivered on presentation to the Comptroller of the proper certificate of enlistment, or that a substitute has been furnished.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the resolution

was amended so as to read "That a Committee on Enlistments, to consist of his Honor the Mayor, and one Alderman from each ward, be appointed."

On motion of Alderman Finck, the resolution was further amended, by striking out so much of the said resolution as authorizes the issue of bonds to substitutes, or principals furnishing substitutes.

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas: President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Nay: Alderman Quaife.

Absent: Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The resolution, as amended and adopted, being as follows:

Resolved, That a Committee on Enlistments, to consist of his Honor the Mayor and one Alderman from each ward, be appointed, and that said committee be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed with the enlistment of men to the number of not to exceed five hundred, to meet any future call of the President of the United States for volunteers or any future draft: and that said committee be authorized to pay in city bonds to volunteers, or to persons furnishing volunteers, the sum of (not to exceed) five hundred dollars, to those who may enlist or be furnished for three years; the sum of (not to exceed) four hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for two years, and a sum of (not to exceed) three hundred dollars for those enlisted or furnished for one year; and that said bonds be drawn payable in one year from their date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and contain a proviso that the same shall be, at the option of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, convertible into twenty years' (coupon) seven per cent. bonds, and that on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and requested to issue, under the corporate seal of the city, city bonds to the amount necessary to pay the bounties above provided for to volunteers.

The following were appointed the Committee:

Aldermen Gafney, Decker, Terry, Pangborn, Gaddis, and Kane.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Pangborn:

Whereas, The Assessors of Jersey City have been put to great expense and trouble by reason of the change in the law which makes it the duty of assessors to serve on each person in this city a notice or circular, many of which the assessors were required to fill and explain thereby consuming a great deal of time and labor, and to all of which notices the assessors were required to take the oath or affirmation of the person so filling the same; and

Whereas, The said assessors having completed the assessment of the city to the full extent of the law, and it appearing that after the completion of their labors the amount of the assessment was too small to enable the assessors to make up the amount of tax required; and

Whereas, The said assessors, by order of the Finance Committee, were requested to make an entire reassessment of the whole city to enable them to make up the total amount of the taxes required from Jersey City; and

Whereas, The said assessors having completed the said reassessment, and having been put to great expense and trouble thereby; be it

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars each in favor of each of the assessors of Jersey City.

The preamble and resolution were rejected.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 3, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present - President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent - Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Hough.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 27, 1864 were read and approved.

Alderman McBride being the only member of the Committee on Alms present requested the appointment of a member of the board to act with him on said committee for the evening, for the purpose of auditing claims.

Whereupon Alderman Gafney was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

A communication from Keeney & Halladay asking the Common Council to reconsider their action ordering the bonds due said Keeney & Halladay, on account of their contract for the Improvement of Prospect street, dated December 12, 1864, and that said bonds be dated July 1st, 1864, was presented, received and on motion of Alderman McBride laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid viz:

Of Commissioners of Assessment \$30 00, \$30 00, \$30, \$30, and \$30; T. A. Chamberlain, \$62 80 and \$17 50; Isaac B. Culver, \$10 00; B. French, \$20 75; J. W. Harrison, \$38 80; Edward Hope, jr., \$12 00; Mrs. J. Longstaff, \$145 70; P. H. Nugent, \$48 75; A. B. Reynolds, \$25 05, and \$3 54; and Jacob Soney, \$12 60.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Nathaniel Ellis, \$36 27; Police Department, \$2,482 84; and A. M. C. Smith, \$1,700 00.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Policemen Simmons and Scott and chance Policeman Dolan, on charges preferred against them by the Chief of Police, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Police.

The following communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, Jan. 3, 1865. }

#### To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of the Honorable Jacob M. Mersese. The deceased was possessed of great energy, and was well known throughout the County as a most industrious, persevering man, rarely failing in anything he undertook. He has occupied many positions of public trust, having formerly represented his township in the State Legislature; was chosen by his fellow citizens to the office of Sheriff of Hudson County, and at one time occupied a seat upon the bench of the Court of Common Pleas. At the time of his decease, he held the very honorable and responsible position of President of the Town Council of Bergen Township.

The funeral will be to-morrow (Wednesday) at two o'clock P. M., and I would respectfully recommend your honorable body to make arrangements to attend the funeral in a body, and that the flag be hoisted at half-mast upon the City Hall, at the time of the funeral, as a mark of respect, not only for the deceased, but also for the Town Council of

Bergen, so suddenly bereaved of its presiding officer.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and its recommendation adopted, and the following resolution in relation thereto, was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed from this Board to carry out the recommendations of His Honor the Mayor, with respect to the funeral of the late J. M. Mersese.

Aldermen Quaife, Terry and Edge were appointed the Committee.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Charles Keenan, Clerk of the Town of Bergen, and the following copy of the proceedings of the Council of said town in reference to the death of Jacob M. Mersese; and

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the same were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

HON. WM. CLARKE, Pres. Common Council.

SIR,

I am instructed to inform you, that at a special meeting of the Town Council of Bergen, held this evening, the following proceedings were had.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours.

CHARLES KEENAN,  
Town Clerk.

Whereas, the sad intelligence has been conveyed to us of the death of Hon. Jacob M. Mersese, President of this council.

Whereas, It is most proper that we who of late were his associates in this Council Chamber, should bear record of the loss we have sustained in his sudden removal from our midst, as a citizen, a councilman, and as President of this Board.

Therefore, resolved, that we the representatives of the people of the Town of Bergen, in Council assembled, do express our unfeigned sorrow at the removal from our midst of one who reared in this community and crowned from time to time with the highest honors its people could bestow, gave proof of the high position he held in their confidence and esteem.

Resolved, That we bear our willing testimony to that great hold he had upon us as his associates here, by the urbanity of manner and kindness of heart ever displayed towards us, always ready in deeds of benevolence and charity, always prompt in the discharge of his official duty; always careful lest in the development of measures which his own sagacity and foresight deemed necessary to the public welfare; he might unintentionally wound the feelings of those whose views might not accord with his own, and that while bowing in submission to the decrees of Providence, who ordereth all events in his own good time, we deem it but proper to give public expression to the public loss.

Resolved, That we attend his funeral in a body from the Reformed Dutch Church, Bergen (Rev. Dr. Taylor's), to-morrow, at 2 o'clock P. M., and for that purpose do assemble at the council chamber at 1½ o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Mayors and Common Councils of Hudson City, Jersey City and Hoboken, and the corporate authorities of each Township in the county of Hudson, be invited to meet with us in this council at the said hour of 1½ P. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Resolved, That an official copy of these proceedings, under the seal of the Town, be forwarded by the Clerk to his family, and printed in the papers of this county, and the members of the Board to wear the usual badge of mourning, and the council room also be draped in mourning.



The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Resolved, That this Board attend the funeral of the late J. M. Merseles, in a body, on Wednesday, January 4, 1865, and that we meet at City Hall at one o'clock, also that the Marshal be requested to procure carriages for the Board.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during December, 1864, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application, November 1st, 1864, by E. Hope, Jr., and P. Mannion, for a receiving basin in Railroad avenue, south side, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of filing, November 22, 1864, of the report, map and schedule of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of the alteration of the grades of certain streets in the Fifth Ward of Jersey City, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred, December 27, 1864, the petition of Michael Walker, for a junk shop license, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 48 Railroad Avenue, in the Second ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate Seal of the city, to Michael Walker, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Hough.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Jersey City Cemetery Co., \$252 50; Drayton and Dursant, \$149 99; and Matthew Erwin, \$94 81.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of B. F. Woolsey, \$6 34.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, \$81 55.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of John H. Lyon, \$253 01; and A. G. Mason, \$36.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Mynard Sharp, agent, \$202 75.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of Edward Caulfield, \$42 07; and Mynard Sharp \$288.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Keeney and Halladay, \$172 44, and \$21 63.

Referred to Committee on streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Lennon and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps be authorized to have the oil lamps of Jersey City lighted by contract or otherwise.

The following resolutions were offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed December 27, 1864, ordering warrants drawn in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector for County and State Tax be and are hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector for the sum of twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixty-six cents, for county tax of 1864, also

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. W. Kingsland, County Collector for the sum of fourteen thousand and twenty-three dollars and seventy-one cents for State Tax of 1864.

Alderman McBride moved,

That the resolution passed December 27, 1864, ordering the issue of bonds to Keeney & Halladay for balance due them on their contract for the Improvement of Prospect street from Pavonia avenue to North Seventh street, said bonds to be dated December 12, 1864, be rescinded.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Hough.

Alderman McBride moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, city bonds in sums of five hundred dollars each, be issued to Messrs. William Keeney and John R. Halladay to the amount of four thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars forty-one cents (\$4,664 41), for balance due them on their contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Prospect street from the north line of Pavonia avenue to the north line of North Seventh street; the said bonds to be dated, July 1st 1864, and drawn payable in five years from said date with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum; and that his Honor, the Mayor be requested to sign the said bonds and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Hough.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for one thousand dollars, in favor of the Enlistment Committee, for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the said Committee, and to be accounted for by them hereafter to this Board.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the vote by which the following preamble and resolution were rejected December 27, 1864, was reconsidered.

Whereas, the Assessors of Jersey City have been put to great expense and trouble by reason of the change of the law which makes it the duty of assessors to serve on each person in this city a notice or circular, many of which the assessors were required to fill and explain thereby consuming a great deal of time and labor, and to all of which notices the assessors were required, to take the oath or affirmation of the person so filling the same; and

Whereas the said assessors having completed the assessment of the city to the full extent of the law, and it appearing that after the completion of their labors the amount of the assessment was too small to enable the assessors to make up the amount of tax required; and

Whereas The said assessors by order of the Finance Committee, were requested to make an entire reassessment of the whole city to enable

them to make up the total amount of the taxes required from Jersey City; and

Whereas, The said assessors having completed the said reassessment, and having been put to great expense and trouble thereby; be it

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars each in favor of each of the assessors of Jersey City.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Pangborn, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

A supplement to an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to establish, regulate and control a Day and Night Police," approved January 27, 1863.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the following entitled ordinance, presented December 20, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration, viz.:

"An Ordinance to prohibit the sprinkling of salt or other injurious matter upon the public streets of Jersey City."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Hough.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the following entitled ordinance, presented April 28, 1863, was taken from the table for consideration, viz.:

"An ordinance in relation to butchers, and the inspection of meats, fish, fruit and vegetables.

The ordinance was considered, and on motion of Alderman McBride, its further consideration was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Whereas, The Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company have failed to light the City in accordance with their contract, inasmuch as the pressure is removed at an early hour, and the city is left in comparative darkness at the dead hours of the night, when light is most needed for protection from burglars and disorderly persons; and Whereas, Many of the lamps are rarely cleaned, and great negligence is apparent.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature to empower the Common Council to erect gas works for the purpose of lighting the city, and for other purposes.

Aldermen Decker, Terry and Lennon were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk*.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 10, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present - President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Gaddis, and Hough.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 3d inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of Arresseoh Engine Co. No. 2, for a change of location of Engine House, &c.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Petition of Patrick Dolan and others to have a street lamp placed in Railroad avenue, between Colgate and Gilbert streets, &c.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of B. O. Edge, for a lease of lots numbered from 1 to 16 inclusive, in block 13, Montgomery street, bought by him at sales made for Taxes of 1859, 1860 and 1861.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of Aaron Cox for a license as a City Auctioneer.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of James Weldon, for a license to keep a Junk Shop at No. 24 Railroad avenue, in the Second Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Patrick Weldon, for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 335 South 8th street, in the Sixth Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Robert Smyth for permission to lay a box drain across Prospect street at the junction of North 7th street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of C. Van Brunt, \$14 66; John Carroll, \$23 50; Edward Caulfield, \$42 07. The Trustees of the Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery, \$252 50; Drayton and Durant, \$149 99; Matthew Erwin, \$94 84; John H. Lyon, \$258 01; A. G. Mason, \$36. P. H. Nugent, \$5 65; Mynard Sharp, Agt., \$288; Jacob Soney, \$1.40; and B. F. Woolsey, \$6 34.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William C. Curren, \$62 75; Drayton and Prior, \$1 30; John Egan, \$70 26; S. D. Ellis, \$16 and John English, \$6.

Claims of Keeney and Halladay \$172 44, and \$21 63, for work on Provost street, referred to the committee on streets, on the 3d instant, were reported correct for \$172 44, and \$19 13 respectively.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be Assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

#### To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, January 9th, 1865, at their rooms,

It was resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, That requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims to the Board of Education :

For the payment of salaries of teachers for the quarter to end Jan. 31st . . .	\$5,200 00
Hutton and Lacy, for new boilers for heating apparatus, Public School, No. 3. . . . .	800 00
Hutton and Lacy, for repairs, School No. 3. . . . .	19 00
Bernard McGuigan, School No. 3. . .	10 00
Edward Caulfield, " " . . .	25 45
Charles Scott, " No. 1. . .	49 69
Oakley and Mason, Books " No. 1. .	170 08
Barnes and Burr, " " No. 1. . .	165 28
Do " " No. 2. . .	262 56
Do " " No. 3. . .	87 97

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk of Board of Education.

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 10, 1865.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle, warrants were ordered drawn in favor of the claimants named in the requisition, and for the amounts respectively named.

On the question of paying the claim of Hutton & Lacy, amounting to \$800.00 for new boilers for School House No. 3, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Decker and Earle, and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Duff, and Finck.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Gaddis and Hough.

The City Clerk presented a report of the approval by his Honor the Mayor, on the 6th inst., of the ordinance passed January 3 1865, entitled, "An ordinance to prohibit the sprinkling of salt or other injurious matter upon the public streets of Jersey City."

The report was received and ordered filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The report and maps made by the Commissioners of Assessments for the alteration of grades in the 5th Ward of Jersey City, that is to say, in North Second street and North Third street, between the easterly side of Meadow street and the westerly side of Brunswick street, in Provost street between North 2d street and North 3d street, Prospect street, Grove street, Erie street and Jersey Avenue between North 2d street and North 3d street, of Coler street, Monmouth street and Brunswick street between North 1st street and North 4th street, have been filed in the City Clerk's office, notice of which was duly advertised; and,

Whereas, one-half of the owners of the lands to be assessed for such improvement, have failed to file with the City Clerk a remonstrance, signed by them or their agents lawfully authorized; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said report and maps be accepted and the said assessment be confirmed.

And whereas, It appears by said report that no lots were damaged by said alteration of grades, and the costs and expenses of making the same have been reported to the Common Council by said report and maps; therefore, be it

Resolved, And this Common Council do hereby fix and settle such costs and expenses so assessed and the proportion of each lot or parcel of land designated on the original map, according to said report and maps. And be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded by the City Clerk in the Assessment Book, and that the same, when recorded be signed by the President of this Common Council and the City Clerk.

The report was received.



The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas: President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays: None.

Absent: Aldermen Drake, Gaddis, and Hough.

The Committee on Finance reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, on the 13th day of October, 1858, the City Treasurer, on behalf of the city, became the purchaser of some forty-six lots of ground in consequence of the non-payment of the "reassessment thereon," for regulating Grand street from Jersey street to Mill Creek, on Townsend's lots, and which lots have never been redeemed from said Sale, the title to which lots is now vested in the Corporation of Jersey City in consequence of such non-redemption: and

Whereas, on the ninth day of April, 1864, part of of the same lots were sold to Messrs I. B., J. W., D. W. & D. E. Culver for taxes of 1855, subject to the right of redemption prescribe in the charter of Jersey City, and it therefore becomes necessary for the city to protect its title to said lots, therefore be it

Resolved, That in order to redeem said lots under such sale to said parties from the sale hereinbefore recited, a warrant be drawn payable to the City Treasurer for the purchase money (\$24.04), paid by said Culvers, together with the interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale for the use of said Culvers, and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to deliver to the City Clerk at the time of the delivery of the said warrant, a certificate showing such payment by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, and what lands, tenements or real estate such payment is intended to redeem. That upon the due execution and delivery of said warrant to the said Treasurer, and the delivery of the said certificate he the said Treasurer is hereby instructed to convey the amount therein named to the credit of the said D. W., I. B., J. W., and D. E., Culver, and immediately thereafter to notify them personally, if practicable, of such payment, and the purposes for which the same was made; be it further

Resolved, That upon the receipt of the said certificate by the City Clerk from the City Treasurer as hereinbefore provided, the sale made by the Corporation of Jersey City April 9, 1864 for Taxes of 1855, of lots 125 to 128, Grand street, in Block 6, Hill's map, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk.

The report was received and the preamble and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report setting forth that under authority of resolution passed December 20, 1864, they advertised for and received two proposals for the construction of Steam Fire Engine for Engine Company No. 5, being one from Franklin Wight, and the other one from James Brown, agent for William Jeffers, &c., the report recommending that the proposal of Mr. Wight be accepted and the proposal of Mr. Brown, Agent, be rejected, the following resolution accompanying the report.

Resolved, That a contract to build a Steam Fire Engine for Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 5, to be in every respect similar to No. 1, be entered into with Franklin Wight in accordance with his proposal reported this evening by the Committee on Fire and Water, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare the contract under the direction of the Committee on Fire and Water, and that when the said contract shall have been executed by said Franklin Wight, the Mayor and City

Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute the same on the part of the city, and under its corporate seal, on the requisition of the Committee on Fire and Water.

The report was received, accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented a report setting forth, that under authority of a resolution of the Common Council they sold lot 26 Bright st, in block 270, at Public auction, to Daniel McLeod, the highest bidder, for the sum of \$2,002, and that said amount was paid into the City Treasury by the Corporation Attorney, and a deed of said lot signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal has been delivered to Daniel McLeod, in pursuance of resolution approved December 27, 1864, the receipt of the City Treasurer for the purchase money accompanying the report.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom were referred, December 6, 1864, the petition of E. Hope, Jr. and P. Mannion, for a receiving basin in Railroad avenue, and the estimate of the Board of Water Commissioners of the cost of said receiving basin, etc., presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, On the first day of November, 1864, an application was made to the Common Council of Jersey City for the construction of a receiving-basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, south side, at a point 100 feet easterly from south east corner of Prospect street and Railroad avenue, and notice for objections to the same having been duly published, and the time for a hearing appointed, and

Whereas, No objections to the construction of said receiving-basin and culvert have been made or presented, therefore

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert in Railroad avenue, south side, at a point one hundred feet easterly from the southeast corner of Prospect street and Railroad avenue, ought to be constructed, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Board of Water Commissioners of this decision and determination of the Common Council.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas:—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays:—None.

Absent:—Aldermen Drake, Gaddis, and Hough.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$18.59.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Drayton & Prior, \$35.68; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$28.66 and \$25.12; G. & J. C. Lawrence, \$5.63, and P. H. Nugent, \$65.93.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, \$30.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Of John English, \$89.60; J. W. Harrison, \$20.45; Thomas Howe, \$6.00; John Kane, \$130.50; G. & J. C. Lawrence, \$26.25, and O'Connor and Pearson, \$18.43, \$10.83, \$4.75 and \$2.35.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of D. E. Culver, \$35.00.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$49.35.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., \$21.97, and Valentine Pus-  
ter, \$9.00.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of R. B. Earle & Co., \$10.08.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and  
Buildings.

Of W. H. Gautier & Co., \$168.00, and John Mo-  
Kiernan, \$29.00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the proposed  
legislative enactments presented December 27,  
1864, were taken from the table.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration  
of the act entitled, "An act to legalize loans made  
by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City  
for purposes relating to the maintenance of the  
Federal Government, and provide for the raising  
of further sums."

By unanimous consent of the Board, Alderman  
Pangborn withdrew the said act, and presented the  
following entitled act in its stead:

"An act to legalize loans made and bonds issued  
by the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City  
for war purposes, and provide for the raising of  
further sums."

The act was amended, and on motion of Alder-  
man Earle, it was

Resolved, That the act entitled "An act to le-  
galize loans made and bonds issued by the Mayor  
and Common Council of Jersey City for war pur-  
poses and provide for the raising of further sums,"  
as amended, be approved, and the City Clerk be  
requested to prepare, under the corporate seal of  
the city, a certified copy of said act, and that a  
Committee of three be appointed to proceed with  
the same to Trenton and urge its immediate pas-  
sage by the Legislature.

Aldermen Pangborn, Decker and Finck were  
appointed the Committee.

The Board then proceeded to the consideration  
of the act entitled "An act to repeal an act entit-  
led An act respecting the Hudson Brigade, ap-  
proved March 10, 1862."

The act was approved, and on motion of Alder-  
man Pangborn, it was

Resolved, That certified copies of the act entit-  
led "An act to repeal an act, entitled an act re-  
specting the Hudson Brigade, approved March 10,  
1862," approved this evening, be prepared by the  
City Clerk, and forwarded to the Senator from  
Hudson County, and members of Assembly from  
Jersey City, with a request that they urge the  
immediate passage of the same by the Legislature.

(Alderman Nafew obtained leave and retired.)

The Board then proceeded to the consideration  
of the act entitled "Supplement to an act entit-  
led an act to incorporate Jersey City, approved March  
eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one."

The act was amended, and as amended was ap-  
proved, and the following resolution in relation  
thereto was offered by Alderman Pangborn, and  
adopted.

Be it resolved, That the acts being amendments  
of the City Charter, approved by the Common  
Council, be engrossed by the City Clerk, and a  
copy sent to one of the representatives in the Le-  
gislature from this city, and that the Committee on  
Laws and the Corporation attorney be requested  
to visit Trenton when necessary, and use their  
best endeavors to cause the passage of the same to  
the end that they become a law.

The following resolution was offered by Alder-  
man Pangborn:

Resolved, That any person, a resident of Jersey  
City, who shall have furnished a substitute for ser-  
vice in the army or navy of the United States, un-  
der the last call of the President for 300,000 men,  
shall be entitled to receive a one year seven per  
cent bond of the city in the following sums, and

on the following conditions, 'to wit': the sum of  
three, four, and five hundred dollars respectively,  
for one, two and three years' substitutes. Said  
bonds to be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk,  
on the presentation to them of the certificate of  
the board of enrollment that a substitute has been  
furnished, and duly credited to the quota of Jersey  
City.

The resolution was adopted by the following  
vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and  
taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker,  
Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Len-  
non, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Gaddis, Hough, and  
Nafew.

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

The following preamble and resolution were of-  
fered by Alderman Terry:

Whereas, The Fire alarm bell is injured in such a  
way as to make it almost useless for the purpose  
for which it was intended, and

Whereas The location of the Bell Tower is not a  
suitable one. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and  
Water be instructed to report a suitable location  
for and the probable cost of a Bell Tower and a  
Fire alarm bell and also what the metal of the old  
bell can be sold for per hundred pounds.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the resolution  
was amended by adding the words "and also to  
report at what cost the old bell can be recast."

The preamble and resolution as amended were  
adopted.

Alderman Decker from the Committee on  
Finance presented a communication from the City  
Treasurer in reference to the condition of the  
finances of the city and offered the following res-  
olutions in relation thereto:

Resolved, That a city bond for ten thousand  
dollars be issued to the Provident Savings Insti-  
tution of Jersey City, to be dated January 8, 1865,  
payable six months after date with interest at the  
rate of 7 per cent. per annum, the same being an  
extension, or renewal of a city bond of same  
amount which became due on that day, and that  
upon the requisition of the Committee on Finance,  
the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered to issue  
the same and affix the seal of the city thereto.

Resolved, That a city bond for ten thousand dol-  
lars, be issued to Robert McLaughlin, to be dated  
January 25, 1865, payable in six months after date,  
with interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum;  
the same being an extension or renewal of a city  
bond of same amount which will become due on  
said day—and that upon the requisition of the  
Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk  
be empowered to issue the same, and affix the seal  
of the city thereto.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be  
authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes  
of 1864, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to meet  
temporary loans falling due and current expenses,  
and that, upon the requisitions of the Committee  
on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk be empow-  
ered to issue city bonds and affix the seal of the city  
thereto; bearing interest at the rate of 7 per cent.  
per annum to such parties, for such amounts, and  
for such times, as said committee may in making  
their requisitions designate.

The resolutions were adopted by the following  
vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and  
taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker,  
Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon,  
McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Gaddis, Hough  
and Nafew.



The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That the city attorney is hereby instructed to prepare and forward to the Legislature for passage, the draft of a legislative act repealing so much of the act of the Legislature of New Jersey, approved March 24th, 1864, entitled, "A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate Jersey City, approved March 18th, 1851," as provides for the closing, for a period of twenty years, of portions of certain streets north of Pavonia avenue in Jersey City.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the City Marshal for the sum of thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of carriage hire to attend the funeral of the late J. M. Merselles.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 3d inst., was taken from the table for consideration: "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish, regulate and control a day and night police,' approved January 27, 1863."

The ordinance was amended, and on motion of Alderman Quaife, the further consideration of the ordinance was ordered to be postponed for one week.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, it was

Resolved, That Policeman Thomas Scott be reinstated in his position as a policeman until the Committee on Police present their report on the charges preferred against him.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 17, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Alderman Drake was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 10th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Official bond of Isaac F. Boiee as Registrar of Board of Water Commissioners, with J. R. Wortendyke and Francis Robinson as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Official bond of Ferdinand Lewis as Clerk to Board of Water Commissioners, with Abraham S. Jewell and Salmon W. Hoyt as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from Henry Traphagen, attorney for B. W. Ryder, claiming \$375.00 damages for injuries sustained by his horse falling into a hole in Pavonia avenue, &c.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of James Lynch and others, to have the sidewalks in Washington street, between Mercer and Wayne streets, flagged four feet wide, and to have two lamps placed on the west side of Washington street between Mercer and Wayne streets.

So much of the petition asking for sidewalks in Washington street was referred to the Corporation Attorney, and

On motion of Alderman McBride, so much of the petition asking that lamps be erected in Washington street was referred to the Committee on Lamps, with power.

Communication from E. B. Wakeman, enclosing copy of memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and proposed Congressional law, amending law passed February 21, 1863, providing for the annexation of the counties of Hudson and Bergen, in New Jersey, to the collection district of New York, and providing for the appointment of an assistant collector to reside in Jersey City, the amendment giving the collector power to license vessels in coasting trade, establish warehouses, &c.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the law be approved, and his Honor the Mayor and the City Clerk be requested to sign the said memorial under the corporate seal of the city, as the act of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$18 59; Drayton & Pryor, \$35 68; K. B. Earle & Co., \$21 97, and \$10 03; John English, \$89 60; Commissioners of Estimate and assessment, \$30; Wm. H. Gautier & Co., \$168; J. W. Harrison, \$20 45; Thomas Howe, \$6; John Kane, \$130 50; G. & J. C. Laurence, \$26 25, and \$5 63; John McKiernan, \$29; P. H. Nugent, \$65 93; O'Connor & Pierson, \$18 43, \$10 83, \$4 75, and \$2 35 Valentine Puster, \$9; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$25 12, and \$28 66; and Mynard Sharp, Agt., \$202 75.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Clerk presented a bound volume of the Municipal reports of the City of San Francisco, California, for 1863 and 1864, received by him, labeled "Jersey City, from the City of San Francisco."

The book was ordered to be placed in the City

Clerk's office, and the City Clerk requested to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Lamps, to whom was referred on the 10th instant, the petition of Patrick Dolan and others for a lamp in Railroad avenue, &c., presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have one oil lamp erected on Railroad avenue, between Colgate and Gilbert streets.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on lamps, to whom was referred November 15, 1864, the petition of C. H. O'Neill for lamps in South First street, &c., presented a favorable report, thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a gas lamp be placed on south side of South First street, at a point seventy-five feet west of the corner of South First and Erie streets, and that a gas lamp be placed on south side of South First street, at a point one hundred feet east of Jersey avenue.

Resolved, That the foregoing lamps be erected by the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, under the direction of the Committee on Lamps.

The report was received, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred, on the 10th instant, the petition of B. O. Edge, for lease of lots 1 to 16 Montgomery street, in block 13, Sisson's map, for which he holds the declarations of sale for taxes of 1859, 1860, and 1861, presented an adverse report thereon, setting forth, that the declarations of sale held by petitioner are the only evidences of title the Common Council are authorized to give on sales for taxes, &c., and in the opinion of the Committee said declarations contain all that the petitioner requires.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applications heretofore referred to them the following resolutions accompanying the reports:

The reports were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license as a City Auctioneer be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the city, to Aaron Cox, on his paying the license fees required by the Ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep a Junk Shop at No. 335 South 8th street, in the Sixth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the city, to Patrick Weldon, on his paying the license fees required by the Ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 24 Railroad avenue, in the Second Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to James Weldon, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Hough, and Pangborn.

(Alderman Drake appeared and took his seat.)

The Committee on Police to whom was referred January 3, 1865 the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Officer Simmons on charges preferred



against him by the Chief of Police, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Policeman Simmons be dismissed from the Police Department for the reasons stated in the communication of his Honor the Mayor presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865.

The report was received.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:  
Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Gafney moved,

That Policeman Simmons be suspended from pay and duty for one year, as a punishment for the offence charged against him in the communication of the Mayor, presented to the Common Council, January 3, 1865.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Ege, Drake and Nafew :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Finck, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred, January 3, 1865, the communication from His Honor, the Mayor, announcing the suspension of Policeman Dolan on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Chance Policeman Dolan be dismissed from the Police Department for the reasons stated in the communication of His Honor, the Mayor, presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865.

The report was received.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Kane, Lennon and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Quaife moved,

That Chance Policeman Peter Dolan be suspended from pay and duty for one year, as a punishment for the offences charged against him in the communication of the Mayor, presented to the Common Council, January 3, 1865.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Terry and Earle :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Finck, Kane, Lennon and Nafew.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred, January 3, 1865, the communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Policeman Scott, on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Policeman Thomas Scott be dismissed from the Police Department for the reasons

stated in the communication of his Honor the Mayor, presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865.

The report was received.

Alderman Gaddis moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That Policeman Scott be reprimanded for using insolent language to his superior officer, and that he be reinstated.

The amendment was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Quaife :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Gaddis and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

The resolution was then rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew and Quaife.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Gaddis and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Gafney moved,

That Policeman Scott be suspended from pay and duty for one year, as a punishment for the offences charged against him in the communication of the Mayor presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege and Quaife :

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Kane, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Lennon, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Gaddis moved

That Policeman Scott be suspended from pay and duty for thirty days, as a punishment for the offences charged against him in the communication of the Mayor presented to the Common Council, January 3, 1865.

Alderman Gafney moved to amend the motion by fixing the time of suspension at *six months*.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege and Quaife.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Earle moved to amend the amendment by fixing the time of suspension at *forty days*.

The amendment to the amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Gaddis and Terry.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle and Ege.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

The motion of Alderman Gaddis as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Ege, and Quaife.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Hough and Pangborn.

Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom were referred December 13th, and December 27th, 1864, the petitions of the Executive Committee of the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company, for permission to lay railroad tracks and turn outs for a horse railroad in certain streets of Jersey City, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Be it Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company, on the conditions hereinafter named, to lay a single track of iron rails not exceeding a gauge of four feet ten inches in width, in the centre of the streets now constructed, and which are asked for in their two petitions, with sufficient turn outs, when connections shall have been made with the land bordering on tide waters, by good and sufficient structures; such structures (if erected), from the Central Railroad, so as to connect with Hudson street, shall be of sufficient width to leave a passage on either side for vehicles. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving power to said company, to interfere with or impair the use of the tracks now laid in any of said streets without arrangement having been first made for the joint use of the same, where required, and provided further, that the said road, from the northerly boundary of the City, to the southerly boundary shall be completed, so as to be able to carry passengers within one year from the approval of the ordinance hereinafter named.

And be it Resolved, That the said Company shall have prepared an ordinance in which shall be defined the different routes of said road, the taxes to be paid by said company, the license fee for the cars, the times of starting, the length and places of turn outs, the laying or relaying of paving, the repairs of streets, and the specific terms upon which they shall lay their rails and run their cars, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and present the same to this Board for its approval, and that this resolution shall not be construed as unconditionally granting said company the permission asked, but shall be repealable at any time before said Ordinance shall go into effect.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Gafney, the consideration of the resolutions was ordered to be postponed for one week.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Edward Hope, Jr., \$8 00; Woolsey & Terry, \$161 43.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of D. E. Culver, \$420 00.

Referred to Committee on Assessments.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$23 45.

Referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

Of D. E. Culver, \$5 00; and Woolsey & Terry, \$15 00.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Coar, \$694 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Ege from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented a certificate of William Howe, architect, [of amount due Philip Hughes on account of his contract for building Hose House No. 3, and offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Philip Hughes, for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for amount due him on account of his contract for building house for Hose Company No. 3, as appears by the certificate of the architect herewith presented.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board instructing the City Attorney to prepare and forward to the Legislature the draft of an act repealing the act approved March 24th, 1864, for closing certain streets north of Pavonia avenue, be rescinded.

On motion of Alderman Finck the resolution was laid upon the table.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the Bonds authorized under resolution of January 10, 1865, to be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk to parties furnishing substitutes, be issued on the presentation to the Comptroller of the certificate of the Board of Knollment, that a substitute has been furnished and credited to the quota of Jersey City, and upon the requisition of the Committee on Finance; and that so much of said resolution authorizing the said Bonds to be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk on the presentation to them of the certificate of exemption be and the same is hereby repealed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays:—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Hough and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Kane, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps be authorized to have three new oil lamps erected, one in South 6th Street, between Newark Avenue and Brunswick street, one in South 7th street, between Monmouth and Brunswick streets, and one in South 8th street, between Monmouth and Brunswick streets.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 24, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Alderman Duff, was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Aldermen Lennon, Nafew, and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 17th inst., were read and approved.

The President with the consent of the Board appointed Alderman Decker, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Alderman Ege a member of said Committee.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of Martin Delany to be appointed a Policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of John Mullen and others, to have a street opened commencing on the southwesterly corner formed by the intersection of South Eighth street and Coles street and thence running southerly to the northwesterly terminus of Varick street, which will constitute a part of said Coles street, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Coar, \$694 50; D. E. Culver, \$420 00; Edward Hope, Jr., \$6 00; and Woolsey & Terry, \$15 00.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Clerk laid before the board the following communication from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 23d inst, and the same was read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, January 20, 1865. }

*To the Hon. the Common Council.*

GENTLEMEN:—A resolution passed by your honorable body on the 10th inst., and presented to me on the 13th, is returned with my objections. The resolution orders a contract to be prepared, and entered into, with Franklin Wight, to build a steam fire engine for Company No. 5, the engine to be similar to No. 1, &c. I am convinced that the day of hand engines has passed away, and I believe that it is desirable that Company No. 5 should have their old hand engine replaced by a good, reliable steam engine—such a change would add to the security of life and property in Jersey City; but I feel certain that your honorable body has acted without reflection, throughout this whole transaction, and it is to enable you to review and reconsider your action, that I return this resolution.

The resolution which authorized the committee to advertise for proposals, required the proposals to be for an engine in all respects similar to the engine now in possession of Company No. 1, which requirement defeated the object sought to be attained by advertising. We advertise for proposals in order to create competition among the manufacturers, and thus procure our work done for the city at the lowest price; but in this case Engine No. 1, containing a patent pump that could be used by no other builder, of course the builder of Engine No. 1 would be the only person whose bid could be considered under that resolution, a fact of which I was not aware, or I should not have

signed it. But even if that qualification had not been in the way of a fair competition among the builders, there was another point equally fatal in the further proceedings. The advertisement of the committee on Fire and Water, inviting proposals, did not require sealed proposals. Whether the omission was the result of accident or of design, I am unable to determine, but from the course of the committee afterwards, I conclude the omission was intended.

Two proposals were reported by the committee to your honorable body, both of which had been opened before they were presented to the Board, and a resolution already drawn, awarding the contract to Franklin Wight. It has been customary, in cases of this kind, to present proposals still sealed, as they are received, by the different committees, and the officers of the Board open and read them in open meeting, and a motion is then made to refer the proposals back to the appropriate committee with power to contract with the lowest bidder, if deemed for the interest of the city so to do. Nothing of the kind was done in this case; on the contrary, if I am correctly informed, there was not even a meeting of the committee to open the bids.

Mr. James Brown, of No. 38 Hicks street, Brooklyn, states that he is agent for William Jeffers, Steam Fire Engine builder, Pawtucket, R. I., and that he took a sealed proposal to build this engine to Alderman Nafew, Chairman of the Committee on Fire and Water, and that Alderman Nafew remarked to him, on receiving the proposal, that it was sealed. Brown stated to the Alderman that he supposed all proposals were to be sealed, and that they would be opened in open meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Nafew then stated that he had already received an open bid from Mr. Wight, and that the amount was \$4,200. Alderman Nafew also stated to Brown that Mr. Wight had the engine partly done, and would finish it in about six weeks. The bid of Mr. Brown was for \$4,300, and that of Mr. Wight is now \$4,275.

If there were no other objections, I could not sign the resolution under this state of facts. I would suggest that your honorable body rescind the former resolution, requiring proposals to be for an engine in all respects similar to Engine No. 1, and that you advertise for proposals for an engine to be in every respect equal, in strength, workmanship, finish, and power, to that now in possession of Company No. 1, of this city, or that you take such other course in procuring an engine, as may seem to you best calculated to promote the interests and efficiency of the Fire Department.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

On motion of Alderman Ege the communication was laid upon the table.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor was presented and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, Jan. 23, 1865. }

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN:—It is respectfully suggested that another amendment be procured to the Charter of Jersey City, which shall prevent the proprietors, keepers, or persons employed in the care of places where intoxicating drink is sold from holding any office under the city government, the salary or emoluments of which shall be paid out of the City Treasury.

The reason for such an amendment must be obvious to any person having the interests of the people of this community at heart.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.



A communication from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension from duty of Policeman O'Donnel on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, &c., was presented and referred to the Committee on Police.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor of amount due James Ford, in improvement certificates on account of his contract for improvement of South 8th street, &c., was presented and referred to the Committee on Streets.

Alderman Finck, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments of the improvement of Provost street from North 3d street, to North 7th street, including intersections, and the same were received and ordered filed in the City Clerks Office.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice in the American Standard, a newspaper published in this city, for at least ten days, that the report, map and schedule of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments for the regulation and improvement of Provost street from North 3d street to North 7th street, including intersections, are on file in the City Clerk's office, in the City Hall, on the corner of Newark avenue and Washington place, and that the Common Council of Jersey City will meet at the Common Council Chamber in said City Hall, on Tuesday the Seventh day of February, 1865, at eight o'clock, P. M., to consider said assessment, and to receive and consider all objections thereto which may be presented in writing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 17th inst., the official bond of Isaac F. Boice, as Registrar of Board of Water Commissioners presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Isaac F. Boice, as Registrar to Board of Water Commissioners, executed by him as principal, and by Jacob R. Wortendyke and Francis Robinson as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 17th inst., the official bond of Ferdinand Lewis, as Clerk to Board of Water Commissioners, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the official bond of Ferdinand Lewis, as Clerk to the Board of Water Commissioners executed by him as principal, and by Abraham S. Jewell and Salmon W. Hoyt as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper for the length of time required by law a list of property still unredeemed sold by the Corporation of Jersey City, April 3, 1863, for unpaid water rents of 1861, and unpaid assessments.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred this evening, the certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due James Ford on account of his contract for improvement of South 8th street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Improvement Certificates be is-

sued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of James Ford for one thousand dollars being the amount due to him, on account of his contract for the improvement of South 8th street from Brunswick street to the westerly boundary of the city, and that his Honor, the Mayor, be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Lennon, Nafew, and Pangborn.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz:

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$58 83.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$236 20, and John H. Siskles, \$305 38.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$2,370 33.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of H. A. Greene, \$3.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$169 78.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$94 83, and David Scott, \$10.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of E. Olcott, Jr., \$75, and Jos. H. Rommel, \$7 69.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Terry moved,

That the resolution passed January 17, 1865, suspending Policeman Thomas Scott from pay and duty for six months as a punishment for the offences charged against him in the communication of the Mayor, presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865, be rescinded.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege, and Gaddis:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Edge, Gafney and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Lennon, Nafew and Pangborn.

Alderman Hough asked to be and was excused from voting.

Alderman Gaddis moved that the resolution presented on the 17th instant, rescinding resolution passed January 10, 1865, instructing Corporation Attorney to prepare and send to Legislature an act to repeal an act approved March 24th, 1864, closing certain streets north of Pavonia avenue, be taken from the table for consideration.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Terry, and Ege:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, and Quaife.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Lennon, Nafew, and Pangborn.

(Alderman Duff appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Alderman Terry the Board proceeded to the consideration of the following resolutions reported by the Committee on Railroads, on the 17th inst., on the petitions of the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company for permission to lay railroad tracks in certain streets of Jersey City.

Be it Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company, on the conditions hereinafter named, to lay a single track of iron rails not exceeding a gauge of four feet ten inches in width, in the centre of the streets now constructed, and which are asked for in their two petitions, with sufficient turn outs, when connections shall have been made with the land bordering on tide waters, by good and sufficient structures; such structures (if erected), from the Central Railroad, so as to connect with Hudson street, shall be of sufficient width to leave a passage on either side for vehicles. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving power to said company, to interfere with or impair the use of the tracks now laid in any of said streets without arrangement having been first made for the joint use of the same, where required, and provided further, that the said road, from the northerly boundary of the City, to the southerly boundary shall be completed, so as to be able to carry passengers within one year from the approval of the ordinance hereinafter named.

And be it Resolved, That the said Company shall have prepared an ordinance in which shall be defined the different routes of said road, the taxes to be paid by said company, the license fee for the cars, the times of starting, the length and places of turn outs, the laying or relaying of paving, the repairs of streets, and the specific terms upon which they shall lay their rails and run their cars, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and present the same to this Board for its approval, and that this resolution shall not be construed as unconditionally granting said company the permission asked, but shall be repealable at any time before said Ordinance shall go into effect.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, Kane, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, and Gafney.

Absent—Aldermen Lennon, Nafew and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Haight, agent for payment of State allowance to the families of volunteers, for the sum of Six thousand two hundred and five dollars and seventy cents being amount paid out by said agent to the families of volunteers and refunded by the State Treasurer January 14th, 1865, to the City Treasurer and by him deposited in the Treasury.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Edge:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps be authorized to place four gas lamps in Greene street, four in Washington street, and four in Warren street, where the New Jersey Railroad crosses said streets, and so placed as to best light said crossings.

On motion of Alderman Gaddis the resolution was amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the different Railroad Companies in Jersey City be requested to place sufficient lights at all their crossings of streets in this city for the better protection of persons crossing said streets.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to offer such bounty to volunteers and substitutes as they may deem expedient, not to exceed five hundred dollars for one year's service, five hundred and fifty dollars for two years' service, six hundred dollars for three years' service and that said bounties be paid in city bonds as provided for in the resolution of this Common Council passed December 27, 1864.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Kane, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps be authorized to have all the street lamps that are lighted with oil, repaired at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of Marshal Ellis in the sum of twenty-five dollars and five cents for crape, &c., furnished for the funeral of the late J. M. Merceles.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*





**Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, January 31, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.**

Present President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 24th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of David Scott for a license as a city auctioneer.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Notice of determination of tenancy of colored school room May 1st, 1865.

Referred to Committee on Schools.

Petition of John Mullen and others for the opening of a street commencing at a point on the south-westerly corner of South 8th street and Coles street, thence running southerly to the westerly side of Varick street, to a point 105 feet 10 inches northerly from the northwest corner of Railroad avenue and Varick street; thence easterly across the terminus of Varick street to the easterly line of Varick, to a point 113 feet 6 inches northerly from the northeasterly corner of Rail road Avenue and Varick street; thence northerly 50 feet 6 inches to the terminus of Coles street; thence westerly to the westerly line of Coles street; thence northerly along the westerly line of Coles street to the place of beginning; said street to be called Coles street.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from J. T. Hatfield, Chairman of a Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, appointed for the correction of enrollment and quota of Hudson county, asking that suitable apartments in the City Hall may be placed at their disposal on the 8th and 10th of February next, for the purpose of receiving claims and evidences of exemption from draft.

On motion of Alderman Ege, it was

Resolved, That the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, be tendered to the Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, on the 8th and 10th of February next, for the purpose of receiving claims and evidences of exemption from the draft.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$2,870 33, \$236 20, and \$58 83; H. A. Greene, \$3; J. W. Harrison, \$49 35, and \$23 45; E. Olcott, Jr., \$75; Joseph H. Kommel, \$7 69; John H. Siockles, \$305 33, and Woolsey & Terry, \$161 43.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate Committees; the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of J. B. Haight, \$116 66; J. H. Lyon, \$400; J. D. Nolan, \$33 34; F. P. Budden, \$37 50; T. F. Morris, \$75; Felix Dolan, \$143 50; William Whitely, \$58 34; G. W. Cassidy, \$166 63; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; J. E. Scott, \$66 63; C. C. Martindale, \$58 34; R. D. McClelland, \$150; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 34; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 66; and S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from the Assessors requesting the Common Council to procure the passage of an amendment to the militia law, relieving the Assessors from the duty of enrolling all persons liable

to military duty, and empowering the City Clerk to appoint suitable persons to make out the militia schedule, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The report of the City Treasurer for the month of January, 1865, showing a balance due the Treasurer of \$279 82, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk laid before the Board a summons served upon him this 31st instant, at 12½ o'clock, P. M., at the suit of Townsend V. Roe against the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City of a plea of trespass on the case to his damage \$500.

The summons was referred to the Corporation Attorney with instructions to defend the suit.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following election in, and resignations and expulsion from said Department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Election of J. Nelson Harriman, by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Resignations of William M. Beach, from Engine Co. No. 1; Michael J. Clark and Alexander Reed, from Engine Co. No. 3.

Expulsion of John Bell from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

The communications were received and the action of the board of Fire Commissioners was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances to whom was referred January 17, 1865, the communication from B. W. Ryder claiming damages by reason of his horse falling into a hole in Pavonia avenue, &c., presented a report thereon accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant for one hundred and fifty dollars be drawn payable to the order of B. W. Ryder, executed according to law and delivered to B. W. Ryder when a satisfactory release of all damages sustained by reason of the falling of his horse into a hole in Pavonia avenue shall be delivered by him to the City Clerk.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred on the 24th inst., the communication from His Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of Policeman John O'Donnell on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Policeman John O'Donnell be dismissed from the police department for reasons stated in the communication of his Honor, the Mayor, presented to the Common Council January 24, 1865, said reasons being that on the morning of the 13th inst. he was off his beat; and also at the same time with being drunk and using abusive and threatening language to Aid Kipp.

The report was received.

Alderman Nafew moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That Policeman John O'Donnell be suspended from pay and duty for thirty days, as a punishment for the offences charged against him in the communication of the Chief of Police, accompanying the Mayor's communication, presented January 24, 1865.

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections, to whom was referred, November 15, 1864, the petition of S. A. Beers, to be appointed a City Surveyor, presented a report thereon, recommending that the Common Council make the appointment.

The report was received.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the rule requiring



a balloting was, by unanimous consent suspended, to enable the Board to make the appointment viva voce.

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Kane, S. A. Beers was viva voce unanimously appointed a City Surveyor.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred September 6, 1864, the petition of F. O. Matthiessen and James R. Thompson, and others, for improvement of Washington street between Essex street and Bergen street, presented an adverse report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the application of James R. Thompson, agent, and others, for the improvement of Washington street from the south side of Essex street to the middle line of Bergen street be and the same is hereby denied for the reasons contained in the report of the Committee on Streets, presented at this meeting.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, November 29, 1864, the petition of Diedrich Muller and others, to have the sidewalk on east side of Grove street, 100 feet south of southeast corner of Grove street and Pavonia avenue, refilled and flagged four feet wide, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Application has been made to this Common Council to have the sidewalk on the east side of Grove street, extending one hundred feet south from the southeast corner of Grove street and Pavonia avenue, refilled to the established grade and flagged four feet wide; therefore,

Resolved, That notice be served by the Street Commissioner on the owner or owners, agent or agents of such owner or owners, of lots bounded on the north by said part of said street, to refill said sidewalk to the established grade and flag the same four feet wide within the space of thirty days after service of a copy of such notice upon them; which said notice shall further notify such owner or owners, or his, her or their agent or agents, that in case he, she or they refuse or neglect to so refill and flag said sidewalk as aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, this Common Council do hereby order the same to be done under the direction of the Committee on Streets, and that the expense of such improvement, in such case of neglect or refusal, shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as of other improvements provided for by the fifty second section of the charter, or the supplements thereto touching the same.

Resolved, That in case no owner or owners, or agent or agents of such owner or owners, of the said lots can be found in Jersey City, to be served with the notice aforesaid, the said Common Council do hereby order that a copy of the above preamble and these resolutions be published in the corporation paper, to wit: THE AMERICAN STANDARD, published and circulated in Jersey City, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Pangborn.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred Sept. 6, 1864, the petition of F. O. Matthiessen and others for the improvement of Bergen street from Washington street to Warren street, presented an adverse report thereon accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the application of F. O. Matthiessen and others for the improvement of the north side of Bergen street from the west side of Washington street to the west side of Warren street, be and the same is hereby denied for the reasons contained in the report of the Committee on Streets presented at this meeting.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Drayton & Durant, \$175 56; M. Erwin, \$119 42; and Joseph Pre, \$30.

Referred to the Committee on Alms.

Of Peter Doyle, \$22 30; J. W. Harrison, \$30 60; and T. S. Holmes \$3 50.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of I. I. Vanderbeek & Son, \$2 25.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of J. H. Lyon, \$305 25.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Decker:

Whereas, There has been drawn at different times by warrant from the City Treasury as temporary loans, and expended by the Committee on Enlistments under the last call; the sum of sixty thousand dollars. (\$60,000.)

And Whereas, it is intended when the increase of the city debt for bounty purposes, shall have been legalized by act of Legislature, to fund the indebtedness incurred in filing the last quota, and repay said temporary loans to the Treasury, And Whereas, the city will require before said indebtedness can be legalized and funded, a part or the whole of said temporary loans to be returned to the Treasury for the payment of current expenses. Be it,

Resolved, for that purpose. That the Finance Committee are hereby empowered to borrow from time to time as may be needed, the whole or any part of sixty thousand dollars, in anticipation of the funding of the debt incurred in filing the quota of the city under the last call, and that upon the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to issue city bonds in such sums and for such times as may be required, and to affix the seal of the city thereto; said bonds to be made payable with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew.

Resolved, That at the coming charter election to be held in April next, there shall be two and not more than two Constables elected in each of the several wards in this city.

The resolution was rejected.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Kane, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby instructed to report to this Board as speedily as possible, the terms upon which the lot in South Eighth street now occupied by house of Jackson Engine Company No. 6, can be purchased by the city.

On motion of Alderman Terry, the objections of his Honor the Mayor presented January 24, 1865,

to approving the following resolution passed January 10, 1865, were taken from the table for consideration :

Resolved, That a contract to build a Steam Fire Engine for Protection Fire Engine Co. No. 5, to be in every respect similar to No. 1, be entered into with Franklin Wight in accordance with his proposal reported this evening by the Committee on Fire and Water, and that the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare the contract under the direction of the Committee on Fire and Water, and that when the said contract shall have been executed by said Franklin Wight, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute the same on the part of the city, and under its corporate seal, on the requisition of the Committee on Fire and Water.

Alderman Terry moved, That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor, the Mayor.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yea—Alderman Drake.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Gaddis and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to advertise for *sealed* proposals to build a Steam Fire Engine for Engine Company No. 5, to be in every respect in power and finish equal to Engine No. One.

On motion of Alderman Hough, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 7, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 31st 1865, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Communication from J. T. Hatfield, Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Chosen Freeholders thanking the Common Council for the tender of rooms in the City Hall for purposes of correcting the enrollment and stating that the arrangements of the Board of Enrollment, have been changed, which will prevent the Committee from accepting of the use of the rooms tendered, &c.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Mrs. Maria Miller, for the remission of a fine imposed on her for violating a city ordinance.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of John Masterson, for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 345 South 8th street, in the 6th Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Morris O. Conner, for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 55 Prospect street, in the 4th Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Michael O'Brien, to be appointed a Policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of Peter Doyle, \$22 30; Drayton and Durant, \$175 56; M. Erwin, 119 42; Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$169 78, and \$94 83; J. W. Harrison, \$30 60; T. S. Holmes, \$8 50; John H. Lyon, \$305 25; Joseph Pye, \$30 70; J. F. Richardson, \$31 55; David Scott, \$10, and I. J. Vanderbeek & Son, \$2 25.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz :

Of S. D. Ellis, \$7; James Olwell & Co., \$52 20; and Police Department, \$2,713 90.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, February 7, 1865. }

To the Hon. the Common Council.

Gentlemen,—The enclosed appeal to the people for a loan to enable the Committee on Enlistments to pay cash bounties, was published in the papers this day, and I respectfully suggest that the matter be referred to your Committee on Finance, with instructions to co-operate with me in procuring such loan.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, Feb. 7, 1865. }

TO THE CITIZENS OF JERSEY CITY :

It has become apparent that we shall not be able to fill our quota, by paying bounties in bonds. Cash only will bring the recruits. There are but

few cases in which the recruit does not submit to a large reduction from his bounty, in order to get cash; some broker pays him and takes the bond, and then, in order to raise money to repeat the operation, the broker sells the bond at a discount.

The city pays a bounty of five hundred dollars, in bonds, to recruits for one year, and I have known cases where the broker paid the recruits but \$300 to \$350, the recruits preferring to receive that amount rather than take the bond. I am confident that more men could be procured at a bounty of \$400 cash, than of \$500 in bonds. In order to enable the Committee on Enlistments to procure the recruits, and save the people from a draft, and to save the city probably not less than fifty thousand dollars, on the present call for troops, I propose that citizens shall loan the money to the city, and take the bonds at par.

It is true these bonds are not yet legalized but a bill having that object in view is now before the Legislature, and will, no doubt, become a law in a few days. Citizens of other cities and counties have adopted this course, and their localities have, by that means, been relieved from the draft.

I propose to divide the loan into forty parts of five thousand dollars each, making two hundred thousand dollars, and am ready to take one part myself. Many of our wealthy citizens might, with advantage, subscribe for more than one part.

I shall be at the Mayor's Office every day at 11 o'clock A. M., to give information in regard to the matter, and to receive subscriptions to the loan.

Respectfully submitted,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance for the purpose stated therein.

The reports of the Overseer of the Poor and Warden of the City Hospital for the quarter ending January 31st, 1865, were presented, received, and ordered filed.

The report of the Chief of Police for the quarter ending January 31st, 1865, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during January, 1865, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of gas lamps not lit or burning during the quarter ending January 31, 1865, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The Corporation Attorney to whom was referred January 24, 1865, the petition of John Mullen and others, for opening of Coles street, &c., and January 31, 1865 the petition of John Mullen and others for opening of Coles street, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that both petitions are drawn in legal form and recommending a reference to the appropriate Committee in order to obtain their report as to which should be adopted.

The report was received and with the petitions referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of "Confirmation of assessment for the improvement of Provost street, from North 3d street to North 7th street, including intersections."

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following elections in, and expulsions from said Department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of John Tempany, John Coleman and John Flanigan, by Engine Co. No. 2; William B. Mason and Adam Miller by Engine Co. No. 5; and David Chub, by Engine Co. No. 6.

Expulsion of James Byrnes from Engine Co. No. 3.



The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

*To the Common Council of Jersey City:*

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held at their room on Monday evening, Feb. 6, 1865, it was

Resolved, by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, That requisition be made upon the common council for the payment of the following claims:

Barnes & Burr, books, &c., School No. 1., \$111 41  
Oakley & Mason, " " " 2. 399-09  
" " " " 3. 107 27

D. E. Culver, surveying Bright street for wall..... 5 00  
Barnes & Burr, maps, School No. 3..... 27 03  
Earle & Co., pails, &c..... 3 65  
E. Caulfield, repairs No. 3, plumbing.... 36 34  
John McGuigan, repairs furnaces, No. 2. 13 33  
W.B. Williams, att'y, rent colored school to 1st inst..... 31 25

P. D. VROOM,  
Clerk Board Education.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 7, 1865.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education, and for the amounts respectively named.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the confirmation of the assessment for the improvement of Provost street, &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assessment for the improvement of Provost street, from North Third Street to North Seventh street, including intersections, be confirmed.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in reference to the assessment for the improvement of Provost street from North Third street to North Seventh street, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That improvement Certificates be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of William Keeney and John R. Halladay for six thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars and thirteen cents, being the balance due them on their contract for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Provost street from North Third street to North Seventh street including intersections, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Franklin J. Mallory for one hundred and twenty-six dollars, being the amount of his bill for surveys, calculations and assessment maps for the improvement of Provost street from North Third street to North Seventh street including intersections, and that his Honor the Mayor

be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Hugh Keenan for two hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-seven cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the improvement of Provost street from North Third street to North Seventh street including intersections, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.  
Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The Committee on Fire and Water, to whom was referred, December 27, 1864, the communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners, recommending that a suitable location be procured in the 5th ward, near the long dock, for an Engine House, to enable said Board to organize a Fire Company, to be known as the J. C. Minot Engine Company No. 7, presented a report thereon; accompanied by a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department in reference thereto, the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the Board of Fire Commissioners be requested to organize an Engine Company, to be known as the J. C. Minot Engine Company No. 7, to be located on the lot in Pavonia Avenue, tendered by the Long Dock and Erie Railway Company, and that said lot be accepted by the Common Council for the purpose above named.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred, January 31, 1865, the petition of David Scott, for a license as a City Auctioneer presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license as a City Auctioneer be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the city, to David Scott, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Edward Hope, Jr., \$6 00; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$18 05 and \$33 71; and Woolsey & Terry, \$85 29.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Crenham & Wetterson, \$1 50; and R. B. Earle & Co., \$13 95.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, \$26 60.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of H. A. Greene, \$6 00; J. W. Harrison, \$97 75; and A. G. Mason, \$70 00 and \$5 00.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of R. B. Earle, & Co., \$1 35; John McGuigan, \$14 75; and Mynard Sharp, agent, \$119 50

Referred to Committee on Police.  
Of R. B. Earle & Co., \$45 00; William Howe, \$97 00; Mynard Sharp, agent, \$176 00; and Woolsey and Terry, \$4 75.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Carroll, \$17 50.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of William Connor, \$17.00; Derby, Snow & Prentice, \$4.84; Michael Killeen, \$19.00; James McDermott, \$26.50; James McDonald, \$10.00; John W. Post, \$15.00, and Philip Smyth, \$25.00.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Terry:

Resolved, That Officer Thomas Scott be reinstated as a policeman, to take effect on the passage of this resolution.

Alderman Kane moved,

That the resolution be amended so as to include Officer Simmons and Chance Policeman Dolan.

The amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Kane, Nafew and Gafney:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Pangborn.

Alderman Gafney moved to amend the resolution so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That Officer Thomas Scott be reinstated as a policeman, to take effect at the end of five months and a half from the suspension of said officer by the Mayor.

The amendment was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Edge and Ege:

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Kane, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Lennon, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Alderman Terry, Ege and Quaife:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Hough, Lennon Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Kane, and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis, and Pangborn.

The following resolutions were offered by Alderman Quaife:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the passage of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by Congress and the Senate, and that we accept its passage as a sure harbinger of a speedy and lasting peace.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives at Trenton, with a request that they follow the example of our sister States in voting for its ratification in this State; so that our glorious old State may be placed right upon the record, which shall be handed down to posterity with a just pride.

Alderman Nafew moved that the resolutions be laid upon the table.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Ege, Quaife and Terry:

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Ege, Finck, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Finck, and adopted:

Resolved, That when the resolutions accepting and confirming the assessment for the alteration of the grade of certain streets in the Fifth Ward of Jersey City, are recorded in the assessment book and signed by the proper officers in pursuance of resolutions passed January 10, 1865, the said assessment shall be delivered to the Collector of Revenue, to be collected according to law.

Alderman Kane moved,

That the resolutions passed January 17, 1865, suspending Policeman Simmons and Chance Policeman Dolan from pay and duty for one year, be rescinded.

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Kane and Nafew.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Edge, Ege, Gafney, McBride, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Gaddis and Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Earle, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 14, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—All the members of the Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 7, 1865, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of George A. Morrison for the remission of a fine imposed on him by the Recorder for violating ordinance concerning snow and ice.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of James Harper for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at 53 Monmouth street in the 4th Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Charles Lyons, for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at 161 Bay street in the 4th Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Catharine O'Shaughnessy for an additional Junk license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Peter Kappes for a license to peddle, meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of John Dowd, to be appointed a Policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Communication from W. H. Horton setting forth that the "town clock is froze up" and asking what course he shall pursue in the matter.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of Cronham & Wetterson, \$1 50; R. B. Earle & Co., \$45 00, \$13 95, and \$1 85; H. A. Greene, \$6 00; J. W. Harrison, \$97 75; Edward Hope, Jr., \$6 00; William Howe, \$97 00; A. G. Mason, \$70 00 and \$5 00; John McGuigan, \$14 75; Hugh Reilly and Brother, \$33 71 and \$18 05; Mynard Sharp, agent, \$176 00 and \$119 50; and Woolsey & Terry, \$4 75.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Report of the Recorder for quarter ending January 31, 1865, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The report of Joseph Van Doren, Guager and Inspector of Domestic Liquids, for quarter ending February 1, 1865, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners requesting the cancelment of sale of lot 57 Mercer street, in Block 103, and lot 21 in Block 206, erroneously returned as unpaid, and sold for water rents of 1861, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education :

*To the Common Council of Jersey City :*

At a meeting of the Board of Education held at their room on Monday evening, 6th inst., it was

Resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, that requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claim :

Thomas Cox, for labor and materials in setting boilers for heating apparatus, \$243 50.

P. D. VROCM,

Clerk of Board of Education.

Jersey City, Feb. 14, 1865.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle, it was

Resolved, that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Cox for the sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-five

cents for labor and materials in setting boilers for heating apparatus, being amount of Board of Education requisition received this evening.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report submitting three sealed proposals received by them in answer to an advertisement for proposals for a contract to construct a Steam Fire Engine for Engine Co. No. 5, the report recommending that the proposals be opened and read.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The proposals were opened, read and found to be from Charles A. Luce, agent for the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company of Manchester, N. H., Franklin Wight of New York, and James Brown, agent for Wm. Jeffers of Pautucket, R. I.

The following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Nafew :

Resolved, That the proposal of James Brown, agent for Wm. Jeffers, reported this evening by the Committee on Fire and Water, opened and read, for a contract to construct a Steam Fire Engine for Engine Co. No. 5, be rejected for the reason that there is no amount named therein, and that the proposals of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company and Franklin Wight, reported at this meeting by the Committee on Fire and Water, opened and read, for the contract for the construction of a Steam Fire Engine for Protection Fire Engine Company No. 5, said Engine to be in every respect in power and finish equal to Engine No. 1, be referred to the Committee on Fire and Water with authority to enter into a contract with the lower of said bidders, provided the said Committee deem it to the interests of the city so to do; and that on the requisition of said Committee, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, and on its behalf, such contract as shall have been prepared by the Corporation Attorney, and duly executed by the party or parties to whom the same shall have been awarded, and after the said party or parties shall have given security, satisfactory to the Committee on Fire and Water, for the faithful fulfillment of the said contract.

On motion of Alderman Gafney the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes for the purpose of examining the plans of Steam Fire Engines.

On the reassembling of the Board Alderman Gafney moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to enter into a contract with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company of Manchester N. H., to furnish a Steam Fire Engine in accordance with their proposal received this evening, provided that said Company will accept in payment, Coupon Bonds payable in five years.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Nafew, Ege and Terry :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Edge and Nafew.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the applications heretofore referred to them of Morris O. Connor and John Masterson for junk shop licenses, the following resolutions accompanying the reports :

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at 55 Prospect street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Morris O. Connor on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.



Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at 345 South Eighth street, in the Sixth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, to John Masterson on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The reports were received.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—none.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred November 29, 1864, with power, the petition of D. S. Gregory and others for a reconsideration of the resolution passed by the Common Council ordering the removal of obstructions from the foot of Harsimus street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that they have conferred with Messrs. Secor & Co., and the obstructions will be removed from the foot of Harsimus street about the first of May next, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred November 29, 1864, the petition of John N. Fiore and others to have the posts at the Warren Street crossing of N. J. Railroad Company removed from off the line of the street, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the committee have conferred with Mr. Jackson, Superintendent of the N. J. Railroad, and were informed that as soon as the weather will permit the gate-posts will be removed, or some other arrangement made equally satisfactory to the petitioners and the Common Council.

The report was received and adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Hugh Killeen, \$199 05.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Thomas R. Benwell, \$30 00; and Rufus A. Kissam, \$40 00.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$32 65; S. M. Hoffman, \$313 73; O'Connor and Pearson, \$15 81. \$15 06 \$10 83, and \$3 10; and Simon Pelloth, \$14 00.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Felix Dolan, \$59 40.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Uzal Cory, \$10 00.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of B. F. Snow, \$126 37.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

Of John Coar, \$694 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Gaddis and adopted:

Whereas, Ten thousand dollars have been appro-

priated in the tax ordinances of 1863 '4 for the purpose of building a school house in the Fifth Ward. And

Whereas, Four lots have been purchased on South First street for the purpose of having built thereon said school house. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Committee on Schools be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting what further action is necessary in order that a school building may be speedily erected in the Fifth Ward.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Alderman Terry, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

"An ordinance to authorize the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets in Jersey City."

Alderman Quaife moved

"That the resolutions presented by him on the 7th inst., in reference to an amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken from table for consideration."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Terry and Ege:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon McBride and Nafew.

Said resolutions being as follows:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the passage of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by Congress and the Senate, and that we accept its passage as a sure harbinger of a speedy and lasting peace.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives at Trenton, with a request that they follow the example of our sister States in voting for its ratification in this State; so that our glorious old State may be placed down right upon the record, which shall be handed down to posterity with a just pride.

Alderman Earle moved to amend the first resolution by striking out the words "and the senate" where they occur.

The amendment was accepted by Alderman Quaife.

Pending the consideration of the resolutions Alderman Nafew moved,

"That the Board do now adjourn."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gaddis, Ege and Terry.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Whereupon the President declared the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 21, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Natew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Alderman Kane, was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 14th inst., were read and approved.

Alderman Drake being the only member of the Committee on Public Health present requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said Committee for the evening.

Whereupon, Alderman Terry was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Communication from the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company asking a hearing before any action is taken on the ordinance now before the Common Council entitled "An ordinance to authorize the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets in Jersey City."

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of John Reehil and others, for the establishment of width of side walk on north side of Railroad avenue between Warren street and Prospect street, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz :

Of John Carroll, \$17 50; John Coar, \$694 50; Uzal Cory, \$10 00; Felix Dolan, \$59 50; J. W. Harrison, \$32 65; S. M. Hoffman, \$313 73; O'Connor & Pearson, \$15 81; \$15 06; \$10 83, and \$3 10; B. F. Snow, \$126 35, and Woolsey & Terry, \$85 29.

A claim of Nathaniel Ellis, \$35 65, for boarding prisoners, was presented, received, referred to the Committee on Police, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the report of the Committee on the same, and said claim was reported correct, and ordered paid.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing charges against policeman Scott, and the resignation of said policeman, was presented, received, the resignation accepted, and the charges ordered filed.

A communication was presented from the Collector of Revenue, returning list of delinquent tax-payers for 1864, accompanied by an affidavit of said officer of the service of tax-bills, &c., and the same were received, the communication and affidavit ordered filed, and the following resolution, in reference to the return, was offered by Alderman Decker, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Collector's list of delinquent tax-payers for 1864, with the sums due from each of them respectively, thereunto annexed, be received and placed by the City Clerk in the hands of a Justice of the Peace (to be selected by the Common Council, by ballot) for the purpose of issuing a tax-warrant thereon, as provided by law, and that said Justice of the Peace is hereby instructed to make out such tax-warrant without delay, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, and place the same in the hands of John B. Haight, Collector of Revenue.

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Decker, the Board proceeded to the selection by ballot of a Justice of the Peace to issue the tax warrant.

Thirteen ballotings were had as follows :

Aldermen Quaife and Edge acted as tellers du-

ring the 1st, 2d and 3d ballotings, and A Ege and Earle acted as tellers during the 4th and 5th ballotings.

Between the 2d and 3d ballotings Alderman Kane appeared and took his seat.

NAMES.		BALLOTINGS.											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ferdinand Lewis	6	6	6	5	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Peter N. Horsley	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Samuel M. Chambers	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
George E. Cutter	2	3	3	6	6	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	8
William Allen	3	4	4	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Joseph G. Edge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Blanks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.	Votes.

Whereupon, George E. Cutter having received a majority of the votes cast was declared selected the Justice of the Peace to issue the tax warrant for 1864, under resolution passed this evening.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following elections, resignations and transfer in said Department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of Edward Dangler by Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2; John McKenna by Engine Company No. 3; Michael Gavigan and Charles F. Page by Engine Company No. 4; George W. Barnes by Engine Company No. 6.

Resignations of B. W. Van Winkle from Engine Company No. 1, and Augustus J. Baum from Hose Company No. 3.

Transfer of R. Van Horn from Hose Company No. 1 to Engine Company No. 1.

The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 14th inst. the communication from the Board of Water Commissioners, requesting the cancellation of sale of certain lots erroneously returned and sold for water rents of 1861, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sale made April 3, 1863, for water rents of 1861, of lot 57 Mercer street, in block 103, and of lot 26 Grove street, in block 206, returned as lot No. 21 Bacot's city map, be cancelled of record by the city clerk, for the reason that the water rents due thereon for 1861 were paid at the Water Commissioners' office and erroneously returned as unpaid; and that warrants be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the purchasers, Charles H. Voorhis and Chas. F. Wrecks, respectively, for the purchase money paid by them, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to them on their surrendering to the city clerk for cancelling the declarations of sale of said lots.



The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 14th inst. the petition of George A. Morrison for the remission of a fine imposed on him for violating ordinance concerning snow and ice, presented an adverse report thereon.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 7th inst. the petition of Mrs. Maria Miller for the remission of a fine imposed on her by the Recorder for violating a city ordinance, presented an adverse report thereon.

Alderman Gafney moved, That the report be committed to the committee, with instructions to give the party a hearing.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Terry and Earle:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Nafew.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Ege, Finck, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 7th inst. the petition presented January 24, 1865, of John Mullen and others for the opening of Coles street, and the petition presented January 31, 1865, of John Mullen and others for opening of Coles street, and the communication of the Corporation Attorney in reference thereto, presented a report thereon recommending "that the petition presented January 24, 1865, be referred to the Committee on Streets for appropriate action, and that the petition presented January 31, 1865, be filed in the City Clerk's office and no further action be had thereon," &c.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred, January 31, 1865, the communication from Board of Assessors for an amendment to the militia law, relieving them from the duty of enrolling names of persons liable to military duty, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be requested to prepare a supplement to the charter of the City, providing that the Common Council may at their discretion appoint such persons as they deem expedient to perform the duties referred to in the annexed petition, so far as the same may apply to Jersey City.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applications, heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 161 Bay street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Charles Lyons, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep and run an additional junk wagon in Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Catherine O'Shaughnessy, licensed junk shop keeper on her paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 53 Monmouth street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to James Harper, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Peter Kappes, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets, who have under consideration the petition referred to them this evening, of John Mullen and others, for the opening of Coles street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Saturday, March 18th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and the Committee Room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the Common Council, this evening, Feb. 21st, 1865, of John Mullen and others, to have a street opened from the corner of South 8th street to Varick street, and to be, when opened, a continuation of Coles' street, &c.; and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the Corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Cf Wright, Gillies & Brother, \$160 20.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$52 85, and Samuel Hetherington, \$22 23.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Samuel Hetherington, \$1 50.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$60, and A. G. Mason, \$25, \$10 and \$10.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of E. Caufield, \$97 59, and Samuel Hetherington, \$20.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of F. J. Mallory, \$10.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the following resolutions of Alderman Quaife, which were pending at the time of the adjournment of the 14th inst.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the passage of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by Congress, and that we accept its passage as a sure harbinger of a speedy and lasting peace.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representatives at Trenton, with a request that they follow the example of our sister States in voting for its ratification in this State; so that our glorious old State may be placed right upon the record, which shall be handed down to posterity with a just pride.

Alderman Earle moved to amend the resolutions, by substituting the following:

Whereas, A Constitutional Amendment has been proposed by the Congress of the United States,

abolishing slavery and involuntary servitude, except in cases of crime, and  
Whereas, Said Amendment is before the Legislature of New Jersey, therefore,

Resolved, That this Common Council hereby respectfully requests the Legislature of this State to ratify said Amendment, to the end that this vexed question be forever set at rest.

The amendment was accepted by Alderman Quaife.

Alderman Hough moved to amend the resolutions as accepted by Alderman Quaife, by substituting the following:

Whereas, The people of these United States have been engaged in civil war for nearly four years, carrying with it devastation, misery, and the sacrifice of a multitude of her sons; and,

Whereas, Christianity, civilization, and humanity demands that every honorable means should be put forth on the part of our rulers to bring about a speedy and lasting peace; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of Congress to rise above all partisan spirit and endeavor by all the knowledge they possess of true statesmanship, to endeavor to bring to a speedy end this unhappy strife.

Resolved, That we look upon the recent act of Congress, known as the Amendment to the Constitution, declaring slavery and involuntary servitude as forever abolished throughout all the States, as an untimely measure, adding another firebrand to the burning, and tending to put far from us that happy day of peace, prosperity and union.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Quaife, and Pangborn:

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The resolutions as amended were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Ege, Quaife and Terry:

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride and Nafew.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Finck and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Board has learned with the profoundest sentiments of grief that Captain Michael Gallagher, formerly of the 88th Regiment, Irish Brigade, and late of the 2d New Jersey Cavalry, has been stricken down by death whilst gallantly leading a charge in the service of his country for the purpose of relieving a part of his regiment which had become engaged with a superior force of the enemy at Egypt Station, in the State of Mississippi; therefore,

Resolved, That whilst to all the gallant sons of New Jersey who have volunteered for the maintenance of the National Union immortal credit is due for their zeal and patriotism, yet there is none more eminently deserving the tribute of commendation and admiration than him whose loss we are called upon to mourn.

Resolved that the pure instincts of devoted patriotism which prompted him to obey the summons to the field when the first call of his adopted country rang upon the ear for troops to defend the national honor, as well as his untiring energy in the cause from that time to the moment of his lamented death, affords an example to be emulated, and will shed a halo of glory round his memory which will never perish.

Resolved, That whilst his heart beat warmly for Ireland his native land, cherishing as he did most fervent hopes for her restoration from the thralldom in which she is environed, he evinced his fidelity to the country of his birth by espousing the cause of his adopted home.

Resolved, That in his conduct and character were illustrated the virtues of his race—bravery, fortitude and strong attachment to kindred and friends, elements which constitute the valiant man and good citizen, and rendered him conspicuous as a model of the American Soldier.

Resolved, That in his death the country has lost a soldier of unblemished fame, this State a shining ornament, and this city a most useful and enterprising citizen. That on the battle field he was among the bravest of the brave, and though at times suffering the hardships of a prisoner of war, he never faltered in his duty.

Resolved, That the surrender of his life in attempting to rescue a number of his comrades in arms from the fate of imprisonment or death by a remorseless foe, exemplified a life of generous emotions and unselfish yieldings to the cause of humanity.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the widow and family of the deceased assurances of our deepest sympathy, trusting that He in whom should be all our trust will convey that consolation in their bereavement which human aid is impotent to administer.

Resolved, That when these resolutions shall be signed by his Honor the Mayor, a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the City Clerk, and that the same be published in the daily newspapers.

The following resolutions were offered by Alderman Decker:

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, two hundred and fifty (250) coupon Bonds of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, of the sum of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from 508 to 757 inclusive, be issued to bearer, or to the order of the party or parties named in such requisition, and to be dated at such times and drawn payable at such periods as the Committee may deem advisable, with interest thereon, at a rate of not to exceed seven per cent. per annum; the said Bonds to be issued for monies borrowed for payment of bounties to volunteers, and for other purposes connected with the filling of the quota of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to have the said Coupon Bonds printed, and that said Committee be further authorized to advertise for proposals for a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose hereinbefore named, or to negotiate the whole or any part thereof, in such other way as they may deem most advisable for the interests of the City.

Resolved, That His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, be requested to sign the said Bonds, under the Corporate Seal of the City, the Comptroller to countersign the same, and the City Treasurer to sign the coupons thereunto attached.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle and Gaddis.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Pangborn and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be requested to cause an investigation to be made concerning the frequency of accidents along the line of the roads running through Jersey City, and that they report the result of their labors at an



early day, to the end that means may be adopted to effectually prevent their occurrence in future.

(Alderman Quaife obtained leave and retired.)

Alderman Pangborn presented a draft of a proposed Legislative act entitled, "A supplement to an act entitled, An Act to incorporate Jersey

City, approved March 18, 1851," and the same was laid upon the table on motion of Alderman Ege.

On motion of Alderman Ege the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 23, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 21st inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Petition of Charles Hobbs by N. C. Slaight, Attorney, for permission to redeem parts of lots 16 and 17 York street in block 69, from the sale made to the City Treasurer, February 9, 1860, for water rents of 1858, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of D. S. Manners for the abatement of a nuisance caused by the filling in and damming up of Mill Creek, on the north side of South 7th street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively and the said amounts were ordered paid viz :

Of William Conner, \$17 00; Derby, Snow and Prentice, \$4 84; J. W. Harrison, \$52 85; Samuel Hetherington, \$22 23, and \$20 00; Michael Killen, \$19 00; E. J. Mallory, \$10 00; James McDermott, \$26 50; James McDonald, \$10 00; John W. Post, \$12 75; J. E. Richardson, \$25 60; and Philip Smyth, \$25 00.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.

Of S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50; John Kane, \$136 00; John E. Scott, \$66 66; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 33; C. C. Martindale, \$58 23; John D. Nolan, \$83 33; Bernard McGuigan, \$9 00; J. W. Harrison, \$23 85; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$165 66; John B. Haight, \$116 66; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 66; John B. Haight, \$50 00; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; William Whitley, \$8 33; and R. D. McClelland, \$150 00.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, )  
JERSEY CITY, February 23, 1865. }

*To the Hon. the Common Council.*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of Senate bill No. 159 of the Legislature of this State, in which it is proposed to grant further powers to the Water Commissioners of this city.

Your attention was called to the enormous powers possessed by that board in my annual message and I desire again to call your attention to that state of things.

The Common Council, and it only, should have the power to levy taxes, which may become a lien upon real estate, in the event of not being paid, and the regular tax collector should collect all taxes of whatever nature, or for whatever purpose they may have been levied. Your honorable body must have become aware of the great number of errors that now occur, in the selling of property for unpaid taxes, when the taxes have been regularly paid. You are applied to with wonderful

frequency to correct these errors, and you are compelled to return the money received from the purchasers of such property, yet you have no control over the records that show the delinquencies, and that are so often proved to be in error. Should these unusual powers of the Water Board be extended?

Another objection that arises, is the power to, issue bonds. The Water Bonds market already approaches one and a half millions. If the changes proposed in certain sewers are necessary, your honorable body should retain in your own hands the power to cause the expense to be paid, and to issue temporary evidences of debt if necessary. I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
CRESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received, and on motion of Alderman Pangborn, it was

Resolved, That the Senate bill, No. 159, communicated this evening by His Honor the Mayor, entitled "A further supplement to an Act entitled an Act to authorize the construction of works for the supplying of Jersey City and places adjacent with pure and wholesome water, approved March twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two," be printed on slips for the use of the Board, and that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate to the Senate of New Jersey and request their postponement for two weeks of the consideration of the Act, to enable the Common Council to examine the same.

The petition of John Reehil and others for establishment of width of sidewalk on the north side of Railroad Avenue, between Warren Street and Prospect Street, referred to the Corporation Attorney on the 21st inst., was reported back by that officer as drawn in legal form.

The report was received, and the petition referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred this evening the petition of Charles Hobbs for permission to redeem parts of lots 16 and 17 York street, in block 69, sold to the city Treasurer February 9, 1860, for water rents of 1858, &c. presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Charles Hobbs to redeem parts of lots 16 and 17 York street, in block 69, from the sale made to the city Treasurer February 9, 1860, for water rents of 1858, the time for redemption having expired; provided the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lot was sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.).

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That out of the moneys arising from the sale of the lot adjoining the public school house in Bright street there be appropriated, towards the building of Hose House No. 3, whatever amount may be necessary to add to the amount already appropriated, to complete the expenditure required in the erection of said house.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred, on the 14th inst., the communication from W. H. Horton, setting forth that the town-clock is "froze up," &c., and asking for instructions in the



matter, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Committee "verily believe, after a careful and laborious examination of the subject embraced in said communication, that the physical condition of the aforesaid clock is sound, and that no medical treatment is necessary." The report farther setting forth, that "the Committee are inclined to the belief that the education of the clock has not been properly attended to," and recommending "that the communication of Mr. Horton be referred to the Committee on Schools, with instructions to report to the Common Council at its next regular meeting a detailed account of the system of education hitherto pursued in reference to the Town Clock, the merits and defects of the system, and also what changes and improvements strike the minds of the Committee on Schools as desirable and advisable."

The report was received, and its recommendation adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Drayton & Durant, \$202 07; Mathew Erwin, \$101 65; John Kane, \$207 50; and Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$43 15.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of De Voursney Bros, \$60 00.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Nathaniel Ellis, \$13 87.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife:

Resolved, That the patriotic resolutions offered by Alderman Hough at the last meeting of this Board be properly engrossed, and forwarded to our representatives at Trenton, for their consideration.

Alderman Earle moved,

"That the resolution be laid upon the table."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Quaife, Terry and Ege.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, and Kane.

Nays—Aldermen Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, and Gaddis.

Alderman Gafney moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "properly" where

the same occurs. The amendment was accepted by Alderman Quaife.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Nafew and Gafney.

Yeas—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle and Edge.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, and Gaddis.

Alderman Ege from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, presented a certificate of William Howe, Architect, of amount due Philip Hughes on account of his contract for building Hose House No. 3, and the same was received, and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Ege and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Philip Hughes for the sum of one thousand three hundred dollars for second payment on his contract for building Hose House No 3, the same being now due as will appear by the certificate of the architect herewith presented.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Enlistments for two thousand dollars to be applied in defraying the expenses of said Committee, and to be accounted for hereafter by them to this board.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution passed Feb. 21st, 1865, authorizing the issue of two hundred and fifty coupon bonds, of one thousand dollars each, for bounty purposes as directs the said bonds to be numbered from 503 to 757 inclusive be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the bonds authorized under said resolution be numbered from 509 to 758 inclusive.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Hough the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, March 7, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the City Clerk, on motion of Alderman Gafney, John E. Scott was appointed Clerk *pro tem* of the Common Council.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Aldermen Decker, Earle, and Ege were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 28th, 1865, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Petition of Mrs. Ann Naughton for an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to enable her to engage in some light business, whereby she may be enabled to support herself and family, her husband having been killed by the cars of the New Jersey Railroad Company while in the employ of the Board of Water Commissioners.

On motion of Alderman Edge the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

Alderman Edge, Hough and Terry were appointed the committee.

Petition of David Crocheron for a license as a City Auctioneer.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

(Aldermen Decker and Ege appeared and took their seats).

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Thomas R. Benwell, \$30 00; Edward Canfield, \$97 59; De Voursney Bros., \$60 00; Drayton & Durant, \$202 07; Nathaniel Ellis, \$13 87; Matthew Erwin, \$101 65; John Kane, \$207 50; Rufus A. Kissam, \$40 00; Simon Pelloth, \$14 00; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$43 15; Wright, Gillies & Brother, \$160 00.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, and referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Felix Dolan, \$146 00; Nathaniel Ellis, \$24 18; Samuel D. Ellis, \$10 75; and Police Department, \$2,598 20.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, March 7th, 1865. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—As it seems now probable that a loan will be effected and the city be able to pay cash for recruits, and as Provost Marshal Mills has agreed that drafted men shall be released whenever the quota of any ward is filled by volunteers or substitutes, provided such quota is filled before it shall be necessary to take the drafted men into the service, it seems to me desirable that your honorable body should authorize your Committee on Enlistments to pay a bounty in cash not exceeding \$650 for one year, \$750 for two years, and \$850 for three years. It is not intended that these bounties shall be paid by the committee, unless at the last moment, it shall appear to be actually necessary in order to free our men from the draft. One of the wards in Newark is offering now \$600 cash for one year. The city of Newark itself is paying \$300 in county scrip, and \$250 in cash, making \$550, and I am informed that towns in our own county have already paid as high as \$600 for one year. The recommendation now

made is not to offer an average bounty as high as we paid for a part of the men on the last call, yet it is more than I should propose to the committee to offer at present, but by giving this discretion to the committee, special meetings of the Common Council may be avoided.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and the following resolution in relation thereto was offered by Alderman Gafney:

Resolved, That the Committee on Enlistments be authorized to offer such bounty to volunteers and substitutes as they may deem expedient, not to exceed the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for one year men, seven hundred and fifty dollars for two years' men, and eight hundred and fifty dollars for three years' men.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, and Gaddis.

The report of the City Treasurer for February 1865, showing a balance in the Treasury, March 1st, 1865, of \$12,015 94 was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during February 1865, was presented, received, and referred to Committee on Lamps.

The resignation of William D. Hart as Ward Clerk of the Fifth Ward, was presented, received and accepted.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the Board of Education held at their rooms on Monday evening, March 6th. It was,

Resolved, That requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims:

W. B. Williams, Attorney, for one quarter rent of Colored School, ending Nov. 1, 1864.....	\$31 25
Chas. Scott, repairing school, No. 1.....	79 36
Jacob Soney, repairing school, No. 1.....	6 65
F. Anness, repairing school No. 1.....	6 47
Catharine T.; White, cleaning colored school.....	5 50

P. D. VROOM,  
Clerk Board of Education.

JERSEY CITY, March 7, 1865.

The requisition was received and on motion of Alderman Decker it was,

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education and for the amounts respectively named.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Fire and Water, who were instructed by resolution passed February 14, 1865, to enter into a contract with the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company for the construction of a steam fire-engine, provided said company will accept in payment coupon bonds of Jersey City, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the company will accept the terms proposed, the report being accompanied by a communication from Charles A. Luce, agent for Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, accepting the terms proposed in resolution of February 14, 1865, &c.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was re-committed, February 21, 1865, their



report on the petition of Mrs. Maria Miller for remission of a fine imposed on her by the Recorder for violating city ordinance, presented a report thereon, setting forth that "the committee find, on further investigation, their previous opinion strengthened, and therefore report adverse to the prayer of the petitioner."

The report was received and adopted.

Alderman Pangborn, from the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, presented a draft of a proposed Legislative enactment, entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate Jersey City, approved March 18, 1851.'"

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the consideration of the act was ordered to be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred, February 21, 1865, the communication from the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company for a hearing before any action is had on the ordinance now before the Common Council, authorizing the New York and Fort Lee Railroad Company to lay railroad tracks in Jersey City, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Committee have given the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company a hearing, &c., the report setting forth that the Committee are of the opinion that the said ordinance should not be passed in its present shape, but with some slight amendments thereto your Committee would recommend its adoption.

The report was received and accepted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Charles Scott, \$44 88, and \$44 28.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, \$35 35.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Charles Scott, \$12 79.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police are hereby instructed to place on patrol duty forthwith Policeman Michael Kiloaulu who has been heretofore assigned to special service.

Alderman Gafney moved,

"That the resolution be laid upon the table."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Quaife, and Drake.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Lennon and McBride.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Earle and Gaddis.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Drake and Finck.

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Edge, Gafney, Lennon and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Earle and Gaddis.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Terry, and adopted:—

Whereas, by an ordinance approved September 4, 1856, it is ordained that every member of the Police Department shall devote his whole time and attention to the department; and whereas it has been reported that members of the said Police Department have been employed at other business than police duty,—

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Committee on Police be instructed to report to this board, at the next regular meeting, whether any members of the Police Department have been employed at other

than police duties, and if so, to what extent and by whose authority. And be it further resolved that the said Police Committee be further instructed to report to this board, at its next regular meeting, if there are any of the members of the Police Department (except the chief and aids to the chief) who do not do patrol duty; and if there are any such policemen not doing patrol duty, to report who such policemen are, and by whose authority, they are excused from doing such duty.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water are hereby authorized to have constructed (at a cost not to exceed sixty dollars) a shed to be used temporarily by Engine Company No. 7, until such time as the house offered by the Long Dock Company for the use of said Engine Company shall be completed.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Nafew and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water are hereby authorized to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the old hand engine formerly used by Engine Company No. 5, and an old hose car or carriage, the proceeds of the sale to be appropriated towards building a tender for steamer for Engine Company No. 5.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to notify Alderman Gaddis that unless he attends when notified the next meeting of the Committee on Enlistments, his position as a member of the Committee on Enlistments will be declared vacant and another Alderman appointed in his stead at the succeeding regular meeting of the Common Council.

(Alderman Earle appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Senate bill No. 159, communicated to the Common Council February 28, 1865, entitled "A further supplement to an act entitled an act to authorize the construction of works for the supplying of Jersey City and places adjacent with pure and wholesome water, approved March twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two."

The act was amended and as amended was approved by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Alderman Terry, Pangborn and Quaife:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge and Kane.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, it was

Resolved, that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Legislature of this State of the action of the Common Council had in reference to Senate Bill No. 159, and transmit a certified copy of the said bill, as amended by the Common Council, to the Senate.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earle, and adopted:—

Resolved, that the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be requested to make the necessary arrangements with the owner of open lot adjoining the north-west corner of Washington square, and to cause a fence to be erected between said lot and the square.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earle, and adopted:—

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Streets to cause the open lots, Nos. 60, 62, and 64 Grand street, to be enclosed as soon as possible, as the same has become necessary for the protection of property in the neighborhood.

On motion of Alderman Ege, the Board then adjourned.

JOHN E. SCOTT, Clerk *pro tempore*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, March 14th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gaddis, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Hough, and Lennon.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 7th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Communication from Hibernia B. St., Patrick's and St. Peter's Societies inviting the Mayor and Common Council to review said societies from the City Hall on the 17th inst., at half-past two o'clock P. M.

Received and invitation accepted.

Petition of John Killen for permission to redeem lot 148 Newark avenue in block 39, from sale made to City Treasurer, November 23, 1851, for Newark avenue assessment and for abatement of interest, &c. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Charles Lyons, for an additional junk license.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Cornelius O'Connell, to be appointed a policeman.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Notice of New York Bay Cemetery Company, of assessment due on soldiers' burial lots in said cemetery, for the purpose of keeping the same in order for the year 1865.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Petition of Edgar Olcott and others, to have the roadway of Montgomery street, from the southern intersection of Gregory street and Montgomery street to the east line of Barrow street, refilled to the established grade, and re-paved with cobblestones; the sidewalks refilled to the established grade, and where required flagged or re-flagged to full width, and curb and gutter re-set, and bridge stone crosswalks newly laid where required, and re-laid where heretofore laid.

Referred to Corporation Attorney.

The following communication from A. I. Gaddis was presented.

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN,—On the evening of March 8th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m., I found at my house two notices from the City Clerk, one of which informed me of the passage by your hon. body, at your meeting the evening previous (March 7th), the following resolution, to wit: Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to notify Alderman Gaddis that unless he attends when notified the next meeting of the Committee on Enlistments, his position as a member of the Committee on Enlistments will be declared vacant, and another Alderman appointed in his stead at the succeeding regular meeting of the Common Council. The other notice informed me that I was notified to attend a meeting of the Committee on Enlistments at the Mayor's office the same evening at half-past seven o'clock.

I most respectfully submit to your hon. body that my ill health has prevented my attendance at the meetings of the Committee referred to in the above resolution, as also several meetings of the Common Council; and not feeling that I deserved an implied censure to be entered against me upon the records of this Common Council, I respectfully ask that this communication may be placed upon the minutes, and that you will accept my resignation as a member of the Committee on Enlistments.

Respectfully,

A. A. GADDIS:

Jersey City, Mar. 14, 1865.

The communication was received and on motion

of Alderman Pangborn ordered to be entered at large on the minutes, and the resignation as a member of the Committee on enlistments was accepted.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn it was,

Resolved, That the resolution passed March 7, 1865, requesting the City Clerk to notify Alderman Gaddis that unless he attends when notified the next meeting of the Committee on Enlistments his position as a member of said Committee will be declared vacant, &c., be rescinded.

(Alderman Gaddis obtained leave and retired).

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to committees at former meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Samuel Hetherington, \$1 50; Charles Scott, \$44 88, \$44 28, and \$12 79.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, and referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William Conner, \$12 38; James McDonald, \$11 00, and John Ryan, \$11 00.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Alms presented a report, enclosing a communication from Wm. Whitley, Warden of the City Hospital, recommending that a room in the City Hospital be fitted up for the accommodation of lunatics, &c., the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the Committee on Alms be authorized to make suitable accommodations for such lunatics as may be temporarily placed in the Alms house or Hospital, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, one hundred coupon bonds of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, of the sum of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from seven hundred and fifty-nine (759) to eight hundred and fifty-eight inclusive, be issued to bearer, or to the order of the party or parties named in such requisition, and to be dated at such times and drawn payable at such periods as the Committee may deem advisable, with interest thereon, at a rate of not to exceed seven per cent. per annum; the said Bonds to be issued for monies borrowed for payment of bounties to volunteers, and for other purposes connected with the filling of the quota of Jersey City.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to have the said Coupon Bonds printed, and that said Committee be further authorized to advertise for proposals for a loan of one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose hereinbefore named, or to negotiate the whole or any part thereof, in such other way as they may deem most advisable for the interests of the city.

Resolved, That His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, be requested to sign the said Bonds, under the Corporate Seal of the City, the Comptroller to countersign the same, and the City Treasurer to sign the coupons thereunto attached.

The report was received.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.



Absent.—Aldermen Duff, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

(Alderman Earle obtained leave and retired.)

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred on the 7th inst., the petition of David Crocheron for an auctioneer's license presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license as a city auctioneer be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to David Crocheron on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The Committee on Police, who were instructed by resolution passed on the 7th inst. to report whether any members of the Police Department have been employed at other than police duties, and whether any of the policemen do not do patrol duty, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that several of the policemen have been detailed for the purpose of assisting enrolling officers in the discharge of their duty, and also at recruiting offices, to take recruits to Newark, &c.; that officer McLaughlin has been detailed at the station house in the day-time, and he is the only policeman not doing patrol duty.

The report was not accepted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege and Quaife:—

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Edge, Gafney, and McBride.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Ege the report was laid upon the table.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of E. C. Tyrrell, \$8 00; and Woolsey & Terry, \$227 30.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Geo. E. Cutter, \$120 12.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$27 55.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Woolsey & Terry, \$6 00

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Kane and adopted.

Resolved, That the Marshal be and is hereby requested to have the flag raised on the City Hall, March 17, 1865.

Alderman Gafney offered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Enlistments.

The resignation was not accepted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of the President.

Yea—Alderman Gafney.

Nays—President Clark and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Edge, Ege, Finck, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

The President appointed Alderman Finck as a member of the Committee on Enlistments from the Fifth Ward in the place of Alderman Gaddis, resigned.

Alderman Gafney presented a communication addressed to him from C. F. Durant for abatement of nuisance caused by the making and repairing of iron boilers in the street in front of his residence 103, 105, and 107 Hudson street.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn the communication was referred to the Committee on Streets with power.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and the City Treasurer be instructed to destroy the city fractional currency, known as Certificates of Value, issued by the corporation of Jersey City, and which have been redeemed by that officer; and when the same shall have been destroyed, that said Committee be required to report the facts to the Board.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Decker and adopted:—

Whereas the unclaimed balance of awards in the matter of the opening of Montgomery street, amounting to \$115, was paid by the City Treasurer, into the City Treasury; and whereas that officer has, under the direction of the City Attorney, paid the sum of \$72 to one of the claimants, before unpaid,—

Resolved, That a City warrant for \$72 be drawn in favor of the City Treasurer, to reimburse him for said payment so made.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Gafney and adopted:—

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer for two hundred thousand dollars, in favor of the Enlistment Committee, for the purpose of paying bounties, and to be accounted for hereafter by said Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman McBride and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps be instructed to report to this Board at its next meeting why the city gas lamps are kept in such a filthy condition, and also report who has the contract for lighting and extinguishing these lamps, and what compensation is paid for such services.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Ald. McBride, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, viz.:

“An ordinance establishing the width of sidewalk on the north side of Railroad avenue between Warren and Prospect streets.”

On motion of Alderman Kane the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, March 21st, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis, Hough, and McBride.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 14th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Communication from Ephraim Pray, Chairman of Committee on Finance of Board of Water Commissioners in reference to water rents due on city property, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from H. Steele in reference to the dirty condition of the gas lamps, &c.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Petition of Jane Boyle, for a license to keep a Junk Shop, at No. 224 South 7th street, in the 4th Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Copely Cottrell, Policeman to be remunerated for loss of time by reason of sickness contracted while in the discharge of his duty, &c.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Petition of S. S. Post for relief from nuisance caused by the overflow of water in gutters in front of lots adjoining his premises No. 245 South 1st street, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Petition of Thomas S. Dillon for remuneration for damages to the windows of his store No. 6 Montgomery street, which were broken through the pressure of a crowd engaged in arresting a prisoner, &c.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to Committees at former meeting of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Geo. E. Cutter, \$120 12; J. W. Harrison, \$60 00; and \$27 55; A. G. Masen, \$25 00, \$10 00 and \$10 00; J. F. Richardson, \$35 35; and Woolsey & Terry, \$6 00.

#### OFFICER'S COMMUNICATIONS.

A report of Michael McKone, Gauger and Inspector of Domestic Liquids for the quarter ending March 18, 1865, was presented, received and ordered filed.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of "application to have a street opened commencing on the southwesterly corner formed by the intersection of South Eighth street and Coles street, and thence running southerly to the northwesterly terminus of Varick street, which will constitute a part of said Coles street."

The report was received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, enclosing returns of the following elections, resignations, expulsions, and transfer in said Department, confirmed by the Fire Commissioners.

Elections of Augustus J. Baum, John Dorsey, Frank Garrett, Thomas Keogh, Wm. R. McDonald, John Morrison, Thomas Regan, Harris Seymour, George Springsteen, Charles S. Tyson, Abraham Wood, and James S. Wood, by Engine Co. No. 7.

Resignations of N. R. Fowler, from Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, and John Doran, from Engine Co. No. 2.

Thomas Hannan and Wandel Greene, from Engine Co. No. 3, expulsion of John Slattery, from Engine Co. No. 4.

Transfer of Sabine Joseph, from Engine Co. No. 1 to Engine Co. No. 7.

The communications were received and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred July 19, 1864, with power to advertise and sell according to law the property described therein, &c., the return of the Collector of Revenue of unpaid taxes of 1863, presented a report thereon setting forth that the property described in said return was sold Oct. 21, 1864, with the exception of property of Morris Canal Company which is in the hands of the Collector of Revenue with instructions to re-advertise, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred January 12, 1864, with power to advertise and sell according to law the property described therein, &c., the return of the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid water rents for year commencing May 1st, 1862, and ending May 1st, 1863, presented a report thereon setting forth that the property described in said return was sold April 9, 1864, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, July 19th, 1864, with power to advertise and sell, according to law, the property described therein, &c., the return of the Collector of Revenue of unpaid assessment for regulating Canal street from east line of Grove street to west line of Jersey avenue, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the property described in said return was sold October 21st, 1864, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 14th instant the petition of John Killen, for permission to redeem lot No. 148, Newark avenue, in Block 39, from sale made to City Treasurer, November 23d, 1861, for Newark avenue assessment, and for abatement of interest thereon, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, on the payment into the City Treasury, by John Killen, of the sum of eighteen dollars and thirty-six cents, and on the filing in the City Clerk's office of the Treasurer's certificate of such payment, the City Clerk is hereby requested to cancel the sale made to the City Treasurer, November 23d, 1861, of lot 148, Newark avenue, in Block 39, for assessment for regulating Newark avenue, from the west side of Warren street to the east side of Jersey avenue.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Fire and Water who were authorized by resolution passed on the 7th inst., to sell at public auction the old hand engine formerly used by Engine Company No. 5, and an old hose crab, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that they caused the said apparatus to be sold at public auction on the 20th inst., and have deposited the proceeds of the sale in the City Treasury, the report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents, paid into the City Treasury by the Committee on Fire and Water, March 21, 1865, being proceeds of sale of old fire apparatus be appropriated towards building a tender for Steam Fire Engine No. 5, in accordance with resolution passed March 7, 1865.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water are hereby authorized to have constructed a tender for Steam Fire Engine No. 5, at a cost not to exceed the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Lamps, who were instructed, by resolution passed on the 7th inst., to report why



the gas-lamps are kept in such a filthy condition, and report who has the contract for lighting and extinguishing gas-lamps, and what compensation is paid for such services, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company have the contract to light the lamps, &c., at a compensation of three dollars per lamp, per annum, the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas-Light Company be requested to cause the gas-lamps in Jersey City to be cleaned and kept in good order, for the better comfort and security of our citizens.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred on the 14th inst. the petition of Charles Lyons, for an additional junk-shop license, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a license to keep and run an additional junk-wagon in Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Charles Lyons, licensed junk-shop keeper, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Earle, Gaddis, Hough, and McBride.

The Committees on Salaries, Offices and Elections, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following are hereby appointed as the places for holding the polls in the several Wards of the City at the approaching charter election, April 11th, 1865.

First Ward—In the old Hook and Ladder house in Sussex street, between Washington and Warren streets.

Second Ward—In carpenter shop in Gregory street, between Van Vorst and York streets.

Third Ward—In house of Protection Engine Co. No. 5, in Mercer street, between Grove and Barrow streets.

Fourth Ward—In house No. 214 Grove street.

Fifth Ward—In house No. 187 Pavonia avenue.

Sixth Ward—In house of Jackson Engine Co. No. 6, in South Eighth street.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to publish in the Jersey City papers notice of the appointment of the above named places for holding the polls at the approaching charter election.

The report was received and the resolutions were adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of Colgate & Co, \$24 96, and R. A. Wood, \$10 75.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$34 05, and Messrs. S. Wight & Son, \$850 00.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of P. H. Nugent, \$2 50.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$41 75.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of P. H. Nugent, \$9 00, and Richard A. Wood, \$43 50.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of John Coar, \$894 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Officers of Election, to fill existing vacancies.

For Ward Clerk of the Fifth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William D. Hart.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended, and, on motion of Alderman Drake, John De Witt was *viva voce* unanimously appointed Ward Clerk of the Fifth Ward.

For Ward Clerk of the Fourth Ward:

Seven ballotings were had, which resulted as follows:—

Alderman Quaife and Decker acted as Tellers during the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and Aldermen Ege and Edge during the 6th and 7th ballotings.

#### First Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew received eight votes.

William W. Ward received four votes.

Two blanks were cast.

#### Second Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew received nine votes.

William W. Ward received five votes.

#### Third Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew, received eight votes.

William W. Ward, received four votes.

Two blanks were cast.

#### Fourth Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew, received nine votes.

William W. Ward, received four votes.

One blank was cast.

#### Fifth Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew, received nine votes.

William W. Ward, received four votes.

One blank was cast.

#### Sixth Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew, received eight votes.

William W. Ward, received six votes.

#### Seventh Balloting.

Sylvester W. Nafew received ten votes.

William W. Ward, received four votes.

Whereupon, Sylvester W. Nafew having received the requisite number of votes was declared appointed Ward Clerk of the Fourth Ward.

For Judge of Election in the Fourth Ward:

Three ballotings were had as follows, no choice being effected.

Aldermen Terry and Gafney were appointed and acted as Tellers.

#### First Balloting.

Thomas Mahoney received six votes.

John Thompson received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

#### Second balloting.

Thomas Mahoney received seven votes.

John Thompson received six votes.

One blank was cast.

#### Third balloting.

Thomas Mahoney received six votes.

John Thompson received seven votes.

One blank was cast.

On motion of Alderman Kane further balloting was postponed.

Alderman Gafney, chairman of the Committee on Enlistments, presented the following statement, and the same was received, and on motion of Alderman Gafney ordered to be entered on the minutes:

*Number of credits paid for by Jersey City,  
up to March 18th, 1865.*

Paid in bonds.....	61
“ cash by Mayor Cleveland.....	168
“ “ “ Thomas Gafney.....	40

269

Paid by different persons not yet reimbursed by the city for want of funds.....	7
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Total..... 276

On motion of Alderman Terry, the report of the Committee on Police, presented on the 14th inst., (in answer to resolution passed on the 7th inst.,) setting forth that several of the policemen have been detailed for the purpose of assisting enrolling officers in the discharge of their duty, and also at recruiting-offices, to take recruits to Newark, &c., that officer McLaughlin has been detailed at the station-house in the day-time, and he is the only policeman not doing patrol duty, was taken from the table for consideration.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the report was amended, by striking out so much of said report as states that the Committee found it necessary to have an “officer detailed at the station-house in the day-time.”

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the report was then laid on the table.

On motion of Alderman Quaife the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk.*

Special meeting at the Common Council chamber, Thursday, March 28, 1865, at 8 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the City Clerk, John E. Scott was appointed clerk, pro tempore, of the Common Council.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon and McBride.

The call of the meeting was read by the clerk pro tempore, and is as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, March 23d, 1865. }

*Geo. W. Cassedy, Esq., City Clerk:*

DEAR SIR,—You will please issue notices for a special meeting of the Common Council, to be held in the Common Council chamber this evening, the 23d inst., at eight o'clock, for the purpose of considering a proposition in regard to the issue of bonds.

I am, yours respectfully,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The following communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor;

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, March 23d, 1865. }

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN:—You have been called together for the purpose of granting authority to have the name of the City Treasurer printed upon the coupons, to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued, for the payment of bounties. If that authority is given, the issue of the bonds will be greatly facilitated, and the loans necessary to enable the Committee on Enlistments to pay the bounties, can be procured, it is believed, without difficulty. One of the main obstacles in the way of negotiating a loan, so far, has been the fact that the bonds are not ready for delivery. The bonds of the general Government, and the coupons on State and other bonds, now have the name engraved, instead of requiring the slow and laborious process of writing the name of the proper officer on each coupon.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received, and the following resolutions, in relation thereto, were offered by Alderman Gafney.

Resolved, That so much of the resolutions passed February 21, 1865, and March 14, 1865, directing the City Treasurer to sign the coupons attached to Bonds, authorized under said resolutions for Bounty purposes be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized and requested to have the *fac simile* of the signature of the City Treasurer printed upon the coupons attached to Bonds authorized under resolutions of February 21st, and March 14th, 1865.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, and McBride.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the Board then adjourned.

JOHN E. SCOTT,  
Clerk pro tempore.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, March 28th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.  
Absent—Aldermen Duff, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 21st inst., and of the special meeting of the 23d inst., were read and approved.

Alderman Kane being the only member of the Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections present, requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said Committee for the evening.

Whereupon Alderman McBride was appointed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Declination of John E. De Witt, of the office of Ward Clerk of the Fifth Ward.  
Accepted.

Petition of David Kemp, for cancellation of sale of lot 13 Steuben street, in block 48, sold October 10, 1861, for Prospect street assessment, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

A Communication from J. B. Haight, Collector of Revenue, requesting cancellation of sale of lot 23 Railroad avenue, in block 428, erroneously returned as unpaid and sold for taxes of 1863, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Walter Gregory, agent, for permission to redeem certain lots belonging to estate of Benjamin Gregory, sold to city treasurer November 23, 1861, for assessment for opening Jersey avenue, the time for redemption having expired, &c.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Michael Ryan, for a license to keep a junk shop at No. 294 Newark avenue.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Robert Ruddick, for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of John Coar, \$694 50; Colgate & Co., \$24 96; J. W. Harrison, \$41 75, and \$34 05; E. C. Tyrell, \$3 00; Messrs. S. Wight & Son, \$650 00; R. A. Wood, \$10 75, and Woolsey & Terry, \$227 30.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of William Connor, \$16 00; James McDermott, \$30 00; James McDonald, \$16 00; James Flynn, \$9 50; Geo. W. Cassidy, \$166 66; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 33; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 66; R. D. McClelland, \$150 00; John B. Haight, \$116 66, and \$25 00; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; William Whitley, \$53 33; John E. Scott, \$66 66; C. C. Martindale, \$53 33; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50; John D. Nolan, \$83 33; John Hogan, \$16 00, and Patrick Quinn, \$9 50.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The resignation of Edgar S. Knapp, as Ward Clerk of First Ward, was presented, received, and accepted.

The petition of Edgar Olecott and others, for improvement of Montgomery street, from its intersection with Gregory street to Barrow street, referred to the Corporation Attorney, March 14th, 1865, was reported back by said officer as drawn in legal form.

The report was received, and the petition referred to the Committee on Streets.

The petition of D. E. Culver and others, for improvement of Gregory street, from Montgomery street to York street, referred to the Corporation Attorney, December 27th, 1864, was reported back by said officer as not approved, accompanied by a report of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, setting forth that the work necessary for the improvement is not called for by the petition.

The reports were received and the petition ordered filed.

The petition of James Lynch and others, for improvement of sidewalks in Washington street, between Mercer and Wayne streets, referred to the Corporation Attorney, January 17, 1865, was reported back by said officer as not approved, accompanied by a report of F. J. Mallory, City Surveyor, setting forth that the work necessary is not called for by the petition.

The reports were received and the petition ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enclosing returns of the following elections, resignations, and transfer in said department confirmed by the Fire Commissioners:

Elections of Nicholas Hughes by Engine Co. No. 1; Thomas Kain by Engine Co. No. 2; Edward A. Smith by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1; William H. Wood by Engine Co. No. 7.

Resignations of Joseph Barron and Henry Piaget from Engine Co. No. 1; Michael McNevin from Engine Co. No. 4; George McLaughlin from Hose Co. No. 4; transfer of Patrick O'Conner from Engine Co. No. 4 to Engine Co. No. 1.

The communications were received, and the action of the Commissioners of the Fire Department was approved and confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred this evening the petition of Walter Gregory, agent for permission to redeem lots sold to the City Treasurer, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Walter Gregory, agent to redeem lots 117, 118, 119, 120, Jersey Avenue, in block 173, from the sale made to the City Treasurer, November 23d, 1861, for assessment for opening Jersey street, from Railroad Avenue to Newark Avenue, the time for redemption having expired: provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lots were sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.)

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses to whom was referred on the 21st inst., the petition of Jane Boyle for a Junk Shop license, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a License to keep a Junk Shop at No. 224 South Seventh street, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Jane Boyle on her paying the License Fees required by the Ordinance relating to such Licenses.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:



Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Finch, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

The Committee on Public Health to whom was referred February 23, 1865, the petition of D. S. Manners for abatement of nuisance caused by the filling in and damming up of Mill Creek on the north end of the culvert under South 7th street, &c., presented a report thereon setting forth that the matters complained of in the petition are of private right, which the courts should adjudicate and not the Common Council, &c. The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Earle its consideration was ordered to be postponed for one week.

The Committee on Railroads who were requested by resolution passed February 21, 1865, to enquire into the cause of the frequency of accidents along the line of the railroads in Jersey City, presented a report thereon setting forth that the Committee have made inquiry and ascertained that the accidents referred to happened on the New Jersey Railroad and were caused by the carelessness of the parties injured, the report further stating that the said Railroad Company are willing if the Common Council thought it necessary, to keep flagmen at Grove street and Newark avenue crossings until after the 12 o'clock train had passed, and would erect transparencies at the different crossings, &c.

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Schools presented a report in reference to the recent examinations in the Public Schools.

The report was received and on motion of Alderman Terry ordered to be printed in the minutes.

(Said report being as follows :)

*To the Hon. Common Council of Jersey City :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Annual Examinations of the Public Schools of Jersey City took place as follows, viz :

No. 3, Male and Female Dep., W. L. Dickinson,	Principal.....	Mar. 6.
" Primary "	Miss Dunham, " "	7.
" 2, Male, "	C. A. Yerrington, " "	8.
" Female, "	Miss Gregory, " "	8.
" Prim. "	Mrs. Eveland, " "	10.
" 1, Male, "	G. H. Linsley, " "	13.
" Female, "	Miss Tomlins, " "	14.
" Prim. "	Mrs. Durrie, " "	15.
Colored School,	Miss White, " "	16.
Normal School,	" "	18.

These examinations were conducted by the competent and efficient School Superintendent, Joseph McCoy, Esq., with other members of the Board of Education. Each class with its Teacher reviewed the studies in which it had been engaged, while an opportunity was afforded through the review, as well as at its close, for the Superintendent and others present, to put such questions, and ask such explanations as they deemed necessary in order to arrive at a proper estimate of the qualifications of both Teachers and Scholars.

The Examinations have been attended by many clergymen, and other citizens who understand the instruction of Youth, and are competent judges of the capabilities of those who have placed themselves in the responsible position of Teachers, as well as by many of the parents of the pupils whose hearts are engaged, and who, therefore, cannot but form correct judgments in a matter in which they are so deeply interested; and they will unanimously endorse the opinion that Jersey City has reason to congratulate herself upon the present condition of her Public Schools.

Perhaps a detailed comparison of one class with another, may by some, be deemed desirable, yet it would only show that while some classes passed a little better examination in some particular studies than others, yet the result must still be that there were no classes in any department but deserved commendation, and reflected credit and honor upon their teachers.

The school accommodations in Nos. 1 and 3 are ample, except in the Primary Department where the first and second classes are taught in one room. This should be remedied, although it might involve the building of a room or wing for the one class.

Building No. 2 is very much crowded, and many children are refused admission because there is no room to receive them. This is merely mentioned, as the Common Council is fully alive to the necessity of a new School House, and will undoubtedly cause one to be erected with all possible speed.

The Common Council are aware that the room at present occupied by the Colored School is required by the owner after the first of May next, and of course another place must be had. That matter is now in the hands of a Committee of the Board of Education who hope that they will be able to obtain better accommodations for the School than it has at present.

Will the Common Council allow us to suggest that its members will frequently visit the Public Schools. The Principals and Teachers all desire it, and in their name an invitation is hereby given to you all to do so. You may depend upon it that it will produce a laudable emulation in the Scholars, and it will encourage the Teachers,—while it will enable you to judge whether all the possible good is being promoted, and the Schools conducted as they should be.

In our city there are many departments and interests, all of which claim our attention, and our citizens are willingly taxed for their maintenance and support. The Fire Department protects our property against the ravages of the destroying element. The Police guards us from the operations of the enemies of society. The Alms Department looks after and blesses the widow and the fatherless,—lifts up the wretched, feeds the hungry, and "lights up a smile in the aspect of woe;" and so while you will not understand us as undervaluing any other interests, for all must be cared for, but beyond all, and above all towers School Education. The Safety of our Republic is in the Education of our people, and let no stingy economy prevail in this. Let there be no willful waste in anything, but no cutting short the necessities of the Public Schools. Provide suitable buildings; provide all the necessary furniture, apparatus and books. Obtain the best of Teachers, and cheerfully pay the best of prices: A good article is always the most valuable. So get everything else cheap if you will, but when you come to the education of your children remember that every dollar collected in taxes and judiciously expended for this object is an investment in which there is no repudiation, and the interest and principal will be promptly paid in sparkling gems far more valuable than gold and silver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS EARLE,  
J. W. PANGBORN,  
Committee on Schools.

Jersey City, March 28th, 1865.

(Aldermen Edge and Gafney obtained leave, and retired.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred, December 27, 1864, the petition of Mrs. J. Curry and others, to have the vacant lots fronting on South Seventh and South Eighth sts., between

Grove and Erie streets, fenced in, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, application has been made to the Common Council to have the vacant lots fronting on South Seventh street and South Eighth street, between Grove and Erie streets, in Jersey City, fenced in; therefore, be it

Resolved, That notice be served by the Street Commissioner on the owner or owners, agent or agents of such owner or owners, of the following vacant lots, known on Bacon's Map of Jersey City as lots numbered 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, fronting on South Seventh street on block numbered 243, and lots numbered 14 and 15, fronting on South Eighth street, on block numbered 243, said lots being unfenced, to fence said lots on the lines of said streets, within the space of thirty days after the service of a copy of such notice upon them; which said notice shall further notify such owner or owners, or his, her or their agent or agents that in case he, she or they refuse or neglect to so fence said lots as aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, this Common Council do hereby order that a copy of the above preamble and these resolutions be published in the corporation paper, *THE AMERICAN STANDARD*, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

Resolved, That in case no owner or owners, or agent or agents of such owner or owners, of the lots hereinbefore described can be found in Jersey City, to be served with the notice aforesaid, the said Common Council do hereby order that a copy of the above preamble and these resolutions be published in the corporation paper, *THE AMERICAN STANDARD*, for the space of ten days before said improvement shall be proceeded with.

The report was received.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Finck, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, and Lennon.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred February 21, 1865, the petition of John Mullen and others for the opening of a street commencing on the Southwesterly corner formed by the intersection of South Eighth street and Coles street, and thence running Southerly to the Northwesterly terminus of Varick street which will constitute a part of said Coles street, &c., presented a report thereon adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners at this time, and suggesting that they apply by a new petition defining the line of the street more correctly.<sup>27</sup>

The report was received and adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz. :—

Of Patrick Farrell, \$23 87; William H. Foster, \$5 00, and Hutton & Lacy, \$11 39.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of Richard D. McClelland, \$175 79.

Referred to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of Edward Caulfield, \$28 67.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Dennis Burns, \$6,256 38, and \$230 35; Delos E. Culver, \$69 00, and Martin Ward, \$40 25.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the following

entitled ordinance, presented on the 14th instant, was taken from the table for consideration, viz. :—

"An ordinance establishing the width of sidewalks on the north side of Railroad avenue, between Warren and Prospect streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Finck, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Gafney, Hough, Lennon and Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Drake, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Ward Clerk for the Fifth Ward.

Wallace L. Thatcher was nominated by Alderman Drake.

On motion of Alderman Decker, the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and on motion of Alderman Earle, Wallace L. Thatcher was *viva voce* unanimously appointed Ward Clerk of the Fifth Ward.

On motion of Alderman Decker, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Ward Clerk for the First Ward.

Leroy Schermerhorn was nominated by Alderman Decker, and on motion of the same Alderman the rule requiring a balloting was by unanimous consent suspended, and Leroy Schermerhorn was *viva voce* unanimously appointed Ward Clerk of the First Ward.

On motion of Alderman Nafew, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Judge of Election for the Fourth Ward.

Dennis Simmons was nominated by Alderman Nafew.

John Thompson was nominated by Alderman Pangborn.

Two ballotings were had, as follows, no choice being effected.

Aldermen Decker and Quaife were appointed and acted as Tellers.

#### First Balloting.

Dennis Simmons received four votes.

John Thompson received seven votes.

#### Second Balloting.

Dennis Simmons received four votes.

John Thompson received seven votes.

On motion of Alderman Earle, further balloting was ordered to be postponed.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, *City Clerk*.

Special meeting at the Common Council chamber, Saturday, April 1st, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the City Clerk, on motion of Alderman Gafney, John E. Scott was appointed Clerk *pro tempore* of the Common Council.

Present—Alderman Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—President Clark and Alderman Decker, Drake, Earle, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, and Pangborn.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Alderman Edge, Alderman McBride, was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The call of the meeting was read by the Clerk *pro tempore*, and is as follows :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, March 31st, 1865. }

GEORGE W. CASSEDY, Esq., City Clerk,

DEAR SIR :—You will please issue notices for a Special Meeting of the Common Council, to be held at the Common Council Chamber, on Saturday evening, the 1st of April next, at half-past



seven o'clock for the purpose of considering the place of exterior line, &c., reported to the Legislature: Very respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

Alderman Gafney presented a printed copy of the report of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature to ascertain the rights of the State and of riparian owners to the lands lying under water, accompanied by a map entitled "Section No. 6.—Map showing the survey of lands lying under the waters of the Hudson River and Bay of New York, and of lands adjacent thereto, to accompany report to the Commissioners to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, 1865. Drawn on a scale of 400 feet per inch. R. C. Bacot, C. E. and Superintendent."

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then took a recess for half an hour, for the purpose of enabling Hon. Jacob R. Wortendyke, one of the Commissioners, to address the Board.

The gentleman then addressed the Board.

On the re assembling of the Board, the following preamble and resolutions, in reference to said report and map, were presented by Alderman Gafney.

Whereas, At a special meeting of the Common Council of Jersey City, held this evening by request of his Honor the Mayor, the report and maps of the commissioners appointed by the legislature of this State to recommend exterior lines for improvements on the shores of the Hudson River and Bay of New York were presented. And

Whereas, The positions and extent of the exterior lines recommended by said commissioners, to be established along the water front of Jersey City, have been carefully examined and considered by this board, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City do fully endorse the recommendations of the said commissioners, as to the lines of solid filling and piers along the water front of Jersey City, as laid down and described on section map No. 6, accompanying said report, and the said board do also recognize the great importance, as well to the interests of the State, as of this city, of that feature of the plan proposed by the commissioners, whereby a spacious and convenient public basin is provided for, on the southerly shore front of Jersey City, thus preserving the natural advantages possessed by our city, for commercial purposes.

Resolved, That the members of Senate and members of Assembly, of this County, be requested to use their best efforts to cause the passage of the bill now before the Legislature providing for the adoption of report and recommendation of Commissioners.

Resolved, That the City Clerk send certified copies of this preamble and resolutions to said members of Senate and members of Assembly.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Aldermen Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Gaddis, Hough, Lennon, and Pangborn.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board then adjourned.

JOHN E. SCOTT,

Clerk pro tempore.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, April 4th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis and Pangborn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 1865, and of the special meeting of April 1st, 1865, were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Bond of David Crocherson as a city auctioneer with Thomas Negus and William H. Frasse as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Application of James Donnelly for a license to keep a restaurant at No. 16 Sussex street, in the First Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Edward Cullen and others for the widening of Coles street between a point distant in a southerly direction from the southwest corner of Coles street forty-two feet and the northerly termination of Varick street, by throwing into said street so as to form part of the same a certain strip or gore of land, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Petition of Thomas Heard and others to have vacant lots fronting on Warren, York and Gregory streets, in block 136, Baco's City Map, filled in to a depth of two feet and six inches, for the purpose of abating nuisance thereon caused by stagnant water, &c.

Referred to Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:

Of Patriek Farrell, \$23 87; William H. Foster, \$5 00; and Hutton & Lacy, \$11 39.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate committees, the rules were suspended to enable the board to receive the reports of the committees on the same and said claims were reported correct and ordered paid, viz:

Of Felix Dolan, \$142 75; and \$23 00; Nathaniel Ellis, \$37 20; and Samuel D. Ellis, \$10 25.

Claims of Dennis Byrnes, \$6,256 35; Delos E. Culver, \$69 00; Dennis Byrnes, \$230 35; and Martin Ward, \$40 25, all for work and materials furnished in the improvement of Montgomery street, from Warren street to Van Vorst street referred to the Committee on Streets, March 28, 1865, were reported correct by said Committee.

The reports were received, and adopted and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A report of the Chief of Police of the number of oil lamps not lit or burning during March, 1865, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Lamps.

The annual report of the Inspector and Sealer of Weights and Measures was presented received and ordered filed.

A communication from the Comptroller setting forth that he has examined the vouchers of the City Treasurer for the months of August, September, October, November and December, 1864, and compared the same with the return of the City Treasurer to the Comptroller and finds the said vouchers correct, was presented, received and ordered filed.

A certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor of amount due Dennis Byrnes in Improvement certificates on account of his contract for improvement of Montgomery street from Newark avenue to Van

Vorst street, was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Clerk presented a report of the approval by His Honor the Mayor, March 31, 1865, of the ordinance passed March 28, 1865, entitled "An ordinance establishing the width of sidewalk on the north side of Railroad avenue between Warren and Prospect Streets."

The report was received and ordered filed.

The following requisition was presented from the Board of Education:

#### To the Common Council of Jersey City:

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held at their rooms on Monday evening, April 3, 1865,

It was resolved by the votes of all the members present, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, that requisition be made upon the Common Council for the payment of the following claims:

The Board of Education for the payment of teachers' salaries for the quarter to end April 30.....	\$5200 00
Clerk of the Board of Education for do..	25 00
Wash'n Williams, att'y, for rent Colored School to May 1.....	31 25
E. Caulfield, repairs School No. 3.....	6 85
Cronham & Wetterson, " " 2.....	16 47
Colgate & Co., bill soap for cleaning.....	15 24
T. T. Lacy, for paid bill for cleaning Colored School.....	8 00
W. N. Hogan, for coal and wood.....	111 10
Oakley & Mason, for books and stationery,	11 55
" " School No. 1.....	530 24
" " " 2.....	378 96

P. D. VROOM,

Clerk Board of Education.

Jersey City, April 3, 1865.

The requisition was received, and on motion of Alderman Decker, it was

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimants named in the requisition received this evening from the Board of Education, and for the amounts respectively named.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred March 28, 1865, the petition of John B. Haight, Collector of Revenue for cancellation of sale of Lot 26, Railroad avenue, in Block 428, erroneously returned as unpaid and sold for taxes of 1863, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the sale made October 21, 1864, for taxes of 1863, of Lot 26 Railroad avenue, in Block 428 Baco's City map, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that the taxes due thereon were paid to the Collector of Revenue and erroneously returned by him as unpaid, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the purchasers, D. W., J. B., J. W., and D. E. Culver, for the purchase-money (\$5 53) paid by them, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to them on their surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declaration of sale of said lot.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred March 28, 1865, the petition of David Kemp, for cancellation of sale of Lot 13 Steuben street, in Block 48, sold October 10, 1861, for Prospect street assessment, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the sale made October 10, 1861, for assessment for regulating Prospect street, from Railroad avenue to Bay street, of Lot 13, Assessment map, Steuben street, in Block 48, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of



the purchaser, Ephraim Pray, for the purchase-money (\$3 23) paid by him with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for canceling the declaration of sale of said lot.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applications heretofore referred to them of the following-named parties, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received, and the resolutions disposed of, as follows:—

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 294 Newark avenue, in the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate seal of the City, to Michael Ryan, on his paying the License Fees required by the ordinance relating to such Licenses.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis, and Pangborn.

Resolved, That a License to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables be issued by the mayor and city clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Robert Ruddick, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred this evening the certificate of D. E. Culver, City Surveyor, of amount due Dennis Byrnes on account of his contract for improvement of Montgomery street, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Dennis Byrnes, for the sum of five hundred dollars, that being the amount due to him on account of his contract for the improvement of Montgomery street, from Warren street to Gregory street, including intersections, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The report was received.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Earle, Ege, Gaddis and Pangborn.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$28,92, and U. S. Telegraph Co., \$20,50.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Drayton & Durant, \$263,48; Matthew Erwin, \$93,43; Japhet Jardine, \$15,18; Joseph Pye, \$80,00; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$48,88, and W. J. B. Smith, \$284,75.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$35,25; Japhet Jardine,

\$1,00; John McGuigan, \$7,55, and A. B. Reynolds, \$1,65.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. F. Richardson, \$65,65.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of Police Department, 2,875,95; A. B. Reynolds, \$6,75, and Mynard Sharp \$108,00.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$34,25.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of Japhet Jardine, \$6,73; A. B. Reynolds, \$11,99, and Mynard Sharp, \$187,50.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Hugh Keenan, \$115 50, and A. B. Reynolds, \$2 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

By Alderman Terry, and adopted.

Whereas, The Committee on Police have detailed Officer McLaughlin to do duty as doorman at the Station-house, and whereas it is not deemed necessary by this Board to have an officer detailed for that duty; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Committee on Police be instructed to place Officer McLaughlin on duty as patrolman forthwith.

By Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby empowered to have printed for the Assessors the necessary number of Tax Books for the fiscal year 1865.

By Alderman Decker and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Haight, agent for payment of State allowance to the families of volunteers, for the sum of seven thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven 40-100 dollars, being amount paid out by said agent to the families of volunteers and refunded by the State Treasurer March 26th, 1865, to the City Treasurer, and by him deposited in the treasury.

By Alderman Terry, and adopted.

Whereas, By an ordinance approved September 4, 1856, it was made the duty of the Chief of Police to keep in the Station-house a Book, with proper indexes, and amongst other things to be entered therein an account of all property, or money, or other valuables that may come into his possession, the name and residence of the owner (if the same can be ascertained), in whose possession it was found, and by whom, and whether the same was stolen, or otherwise, and if said property shall be reclaimed, or otherwise disposed of by him, legally, he shall take a receipt under the above entry, showing what disposition he has made of the same, and if said property, or money, or valuables, shall not be claimed by the owners thereof at the expiration of three months, he shall hand the same over to the custody of the Mayor, to be by him disposed of as the Common Council may direct; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to report to this Board if the Chief of Police has complied with said ordinance.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEY,  
City Clerk.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, April 11th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P. M.  
Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Ege, Gafney, Hough, Nafew, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Kane, Lennon, McBride, and Pangborn.  
Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Alderman Nafew, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at this Common Council Chamber to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, the 12th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

On motion of Alderman Quaife, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,

*City Clerk.*

Adjourned regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Wednesday, April 12th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Ege, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

In the absence of the City Clerk, on motion of Alderman Gafney, John E. Scott was appointed Clerk, pro tempore, of the Common Council.

The minutes of the regular meeting, of the 4th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

A petition of W. B. Gardner for permission to redeem lots 104 and 105 in Block 50, from sale made to the City Treasurer, February 7, 1862, for Wayne street sewer assessment, the time for redemption having expired, was presented, received, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Alderman Nafew, being the only member of the Committee on Fire and Water present, requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said Committee for the evening, for the purpose of auditing claims.

Whereupon Alderman Pangborn was appointed.

Alderman McBride, being the only member of the Committee on Streets present, requested the appointment of a member of the Board to act with him on said Committee for the evening, for the purpose of auditing claims.

Whereupon Alderman Gafney was appointed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz.:—

Of G. Ross Cary, \$28 92; Edward Canfield, \$28 67; J. W. Harrison, \$35 25; Japhet Jardine, \$6 73; and \$1 00; John McGuigan, \$7 55; Police Department, \$2,575 95; A. B. Reynolds, \$31 55, and \$11 99, and \$2 50; Mynard Sharp, \$187 50, and U. S. Telegraph Company, \$20 50.

A claim of Hugh Keenan, \$115 50, for superintending the improvement of Montgomery street between Warren and Gregory streets, referred to the Committee on Streets April 4, 1865, was reported correct by said Committee.

The report was received, and adopted and the claim referred to the Committee on Assessments to be assessed.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was presented from His Honor the Mayor;

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }  
JERSEY CITY, April 11th, 1865. }

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Amidst rejoicings over the victories won by the national arms, the sad intelli-

gence has reached this city, of the death of Brevet Brigadier General Janeway, late Colonel of the 1st New Jersey Cavalry, bringing anguish to an afflicted family and casting a shade over the whole community. Col. Janeway had been many times wounded while defending his country upon the battle-field during the present war, and for his bravery and rare soldierly qualities he had just been commissioned a Brevet Brigadier General.

Jersey City took pride in his well earned promotion, and now laments the sudden ending of a career so brilliant, and it is deemed proper that you should appoint a committee to draft resolutions, expressive of the sad feeling that pervades the city, and in honor of the rare qualities of his youthful character. I am not advised of the arrangements, if any, for the funeral, but I would advise the appointment of a committee to arrange for the Mayor and Common Council to attend, and to give notice of the time and place.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and on motion of Alderman Decker it was,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions and make the necessary arrangements for attending the funeral, in accordance with the recommendations of his Honor the Mayor.

Aldermen Decker, Gafney and Ege were appointed the Committee.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of G. Ross Cary, \$39.69.

Referred to Special Committee on Enlistments.

Of Wm. Barry, \$24 00; Charles H. O'Neil, \$25.89; and Woolsey & Terry, \$141 03.

Referred to Committee on Alms.

Of John Anness, \$114 50; Derby, Snow & Prentice, \$62 60; and Charles Scott, \$81 53.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of Peter Eller, \$26 00; and S. D. Ellis, \$7 00.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Of John H. Lyon, \$437 96.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of John Anness, \$15 55; and Woolsey & Terry, \$3 50.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Officers of Election, First Ward, \$34 00.

Referred to Committee on Salaries, Offices and Elections.

Of James Flynn, \$14 00; John Hogan \$14 00 and Patrick Quinn, \$17 50.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolutions were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

By Alderman Quaife:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be instructed to have officer Kilcauly placed on patrol duty forthwith, and that he be kept on such duty.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Terry, Ege and Quaife.

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Ege, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Gaffney and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

By Alderman Decker:

Whereas, bond No. 312 for \$25,000, issued to Hudson County Bank, has fallen due this day, and remains unpaid, and bond No. 317 for \$10,000,



issued to Hudson County Bank, falls due April 25, 1865, and whereas said bank are willing to renew said bonds, therefore

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, the Mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized to issue to the Hudson County Bank two bonds, one for twenty-five thousand dollars, and the other for ten thousand dollars, the said bonds to be dated the date of the falling due of bonds Nos. 312 and 317 respectively, drawn payable in four months from their date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Ege, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Hough and Lennon.

By Alderman Decker :

Resolved, That on the requisition of the Committee on Finance, one hundred coupon bonds of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, of the sum of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from eight hundred and fifty nine (859) to nine hundred and fifty-eight (958) inclusive, be issued to bearer, or to the order of the party or parties named in such requisition, and to be dated at such times and drawn payable at such periods as the Committee may deem advisable, with interest thereon at the rate of not to exceed seven per cent. per annum, the said bonds to be issued

in payment of bounties to volunteers, and for other purposes connected with the filling of the quota of Jersey City

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to have the said coupon bonds printed, and that said committee be further authorized to advertise for proposals for a loan for the purposes hereinbefore named, or to negotiate the whole or any part of said bonds in such other way as they may deem advisable for the interests of the city.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor and the City Clerk be requested to sign the said bonds under the corporate seal of the city, and the comptroller to countersign the same.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to have the fac simile of the signature of the City Treasurer printed on the coupons attached to said bonds.

The resolutions were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—President Clarke and Alderman Decker, Ege, Gafney, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gaddis, Hough, and Lennon.

On motion of Alderman Nafew the Board then adjourned.

JOHN E. SCOTT,  
Clerk pro tempore.

Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday, April 18th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, and Pangborn.

Absent—Aldermen Ege, Gaddis, Hough, Quaife, and Terry.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 11th inst., and of the adjourned regular meeting of the 12th inst., were read and approved.

By unanimous consent of the board the regular order of business was suspended and the following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Earle.

Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States is dead, and our nation is in tears. When the dark and gloomy cloud spread over our land, he, at the call of the people, became our Leader, and as a man, a patriot and a christian, contended manfully with the wicked rebellion, lived to see its expiring throes, and his work was finished. He has done his duty nobly here, and gone up higher, and we will embalm his memory in our very heart of hearts.

With the eye of faith we see him, gone from the highest seat on earth to a higher, nobler one in glory; and while we cannot but mourn that he has left us, yet we humbly submit to the All-Wise Providence of God, and say: Farewell, noble patriot! thy mission is accomplished.

Resolved, That this Board, without transacting business, do now adjourn to Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the unanimous vote of the Common Council.

Whereupon, the President declared the Board adjourned to Thursday evening, the 20th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
*City Clerk.*

Adjourned regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Thursday, April 20th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Quaife.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Bond of Aaron Cox, as a City Auctioneer, with J. J. Durant and William Mitchell as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Patrick Geary, for a license to keep a junk shop, at No. 263 Railroad avenue, in the Sixth Ward.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Dennis Carry, for permission to peddle dry goods in Jersey City.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of F. S. White, for a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Jane Boyle, for a reconsideration of the vote granting her a junk license, &c.

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Patrick McDonagh, Policeman, to be allowed 30 days' pay deducted from his salary on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, and for which he was suspended on or about the 5th day, of December, 1864.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the petition was laid upon the table until "Miscellaneous business."

Petition of John Reeheil and others, to have the north side of Railroad avenue, between Warren street and Prospect street including intersections,

filled to the established grade, paved, curbed, guttered and sidewalks flagged full width, &c.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz:

Of John Anness, \$114 50; G. Ross Cary, \$39 69; Derby, Snow & Prentice, \$62 60; Jas. Flynn, \$14; J. W. Harrison, \$34 25; John Hogan, \$14; John H. Lyon, \$437 96; Richard D. McClelland, \$175 79; Patrick Quinn, \$17 50, and Charles Scott, \$81 53.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, and referred to their appropriate Committees. The rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz:

Of Board of City Canvassers, \$12; Officers of Election, 4th Ward, \$34; Officers of Election, 5th Ward, \$34; Officers of Election, 6th Ward, \$34; John H. Lyon, \$200; Nathaniel Ellis, \$83 34; Samuel D. Ellis, \$50; John D. Nolan, \$83 34; George W. Cassidy, \$166 68; John B. Haight, \$116 68, and \$25; C. C. Martindale, \$55 34; R. D. McClelland, \$150; John E. Scott, \$66 68; William Whitley, \$58 34; J. V. Hardenbergh, \$116 68; S. C. McLaughlin, \$62 50; P. D. Vroom, \$62 50; William Connor, \$20 25; Geo. C. Doyle, \$26; John English, \$3; James Murphy, \$9; J. W. McCarthy, \$10; A. G. Mason, \$20; John Ryan, \$12; Wallace L. Thatcher, 50 cts., and John A. Van Reiper, \$20.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from J. V. Hardenbergh, tendering his resignation of the office of Comptroller, to take effect April 29, 1865, was presented, received, and the resignation accepted.

A communication from the Collector of Revenue, enclosing writ of certiorari in matter of taxes of 1864, on property of Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company, was presented, received, and with the writ referred to the Corporation Attorney.

A communication from the Collector of Revenue, requesting cancellation of sale of part of lot 21, South 5th street, in Block 223, erroneously returned as unpaid, and sold for taxes of 1862, was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Corporation Attorney, in reference to the suit between the City and Egbert L. Viele, and enclosing a communication received by him from B. Williamson, Esq., Counsel for E. L. Viele, asking the appointment of a Committee with power to settle the matter, &c., was presented, received, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The petition of Edward Cullen and others for widening of Coles street, &c., referred to the Corporation Attorney, April 4, 1865, was reported back by said officer "as drawn in legal form, a City Surveyor having endorsed the petition as correct."

The report was received and the petition referred to the Committee on Streets.

The petition of Thomas Heard and others for abatement of nuisance existing on vacant lots fronting on Warren, York and Gregory streets, &c., referred to the Corporation Attorney, April 4, 1865, was reported by said officer "as drawn in legal form, a City Surveyor having endorsed the petition as correct."

The report was received and the petition referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication in the Jersey City papers of notice of places for holding the polls in the several Wards at the Charter Election, April 11, 1865.

The report was received and ordered filed.



## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed April 11, 1865, consisting of Aldermen Decker, Gafney, and Ege, to draft resolutions in respect to the memory of Col. Hugh H. Janeway, reported the following preamble and resolutions.

Colonel Hugh H. Janeway, late of this city, who, in September, 1861, entered the military service of the United States as First Lieutenant in the 1st N. J. Cavalry, and thence, while doing noble battle for the Constitution and the Union, fought his way to the rank of Brevet-Brigadier General, was killed at the head of his regiment, in the battle near Jettersville, Va., April 5th, 1865. As his friends and fellow-townsmen, we feel the sad loss all the more sensibly from the fact that through nearly the whole war he had done the duties of a soldier nobly; that his numerous wounds bore ample testimony to his deeds of daring; that the rapidity of his advancement showed the esteem in which he was held by his comrades, and that, just as the war is closing, a wicked and causeless rebellion crushed, and the soft peace march about to beat "Home, brothers, home," he should meet death where so often death had fled from him; therefore,

Resolved, 1.—That this Board have heard, with feelings of deep sorrow, of the death of this intrepid young officer, in whom not only the people of this city, but Jersey men everywhere had seen such abundant evidence of a noble manhood.

2.—That his unassuming manners, his kindness of heart, his early devotion to his country, his unwavering faith in final triumph, his daring, which placed him at the head of his gallant regiment, in the thickest of the fight, where Death held his richest carnival, entitle him to a high place in our admiration; while the quiet determination with which he left behind the ample comforts of his boyhood's home, to meet the privations and dangers of the camp and the field, and the frankness with which he at last laid down his life on the "perilous edge of battle," have endeared his memory and embalmed his name in the history of his country.

"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,  
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,  
Dream of battle fields no more,  
Days of danger, nights of waking."

3.—That his name adds another to the long roll of young heroes and martyrs who have given up their lives as hostages to the future that this Union shall never be broken, and while we weep that one so young, so promising, so generous, so brave, should have been taken away so soon, we, as citizens of this Republic, are assured that the destiny of our country will be glorious while she can call to her service such heroic and self-sacrificing defenders.

4.—That while our words of sympathy are light things on the bosom of that "deep" which "calleth unto deep" in the hearts of his wife, parents and family, we would turn their eyes to the bright record of his virtues, and their faith to the consoling promise of Him "whose ways are not as our ways."

5.—That these resolutions shall be entered on the Minutes of the Common Council, and a copy thereof, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal, be sent to the family of the deceased.

The report was received and the preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 12th inst., the petition of W. B. Gardner for permission to redeem lots belonging to him sold for unpaid assessment, &c., presented a favorable report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Warren B. Gardner, to redeem lots 104 and 105

Steuben street, in block 50, from the sale made to the City Treasurer, February 7, 1862, for assessment for building of the Wayne street, Newark and Railroad avenue sewer, with laterals, the time for redemption having expired; provided, the redemption be made in the same manner as though the time allowed by the city charter for said redemption had not expired; and on payment into the city treasury of the amount for which said lots were sold, together with the interest thereon from the date of said sale up to the date of redemption, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum (being the rate of interest prescribed in the charter to be paid to purchasers at corporation sales for taxes, &c.).

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, Dec. 20th, 1864, the return of the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid Water Rents for year commencing May 1, 1863, presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the return of the Board of Water Commissioners of unpaid Water Rents, for the year commencing May 1, 1863, presented to the Common Council December 20, 1864, be returned to said Board of Water Commissioners, for the reason that the said return is not certified according to law.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred March 21, 1865, the communication from Ephraim Pray, Chairman of Committee on Finance of Board of Water Commissioners, in reference to Water Rents due on city property, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth that the committee have had a conference with a committee of the Water Board and said committee suggested that the Water Commissioners should commence a suit in the appropriate tribunal of law in this State for the recovery of their demand; and that the same should be defended by the Common Council, &c., the following resolution accompanying the report:

Resolved, That the suggestion contained in a report of the Committee on Finance, whereby an adjudication shall be had as to the liability of this Common Council for payment of Water Rents, &c., charged to the Mayor and Common Council by the Water Commissioners, be and the same is hereby adopted.

The report was received.

Alderman Pangborn moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Finance Committee this evening submitted by them be recommended to the said committee, and that they are instructed to inform the Board of Water Commissioners that this board have a claim against them of forty thousand dollars and upwards which remains unsettled, and in consideration of the premises the Common Council are willing to refer the matters in difference of a financial character to the Finance Committees of the two boards, who shall report a plan of settlement thereof to their respective boards.

Alderman Gafney moved,

"That the whole subject be indefinitely postponed."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Earle, and the President:

Yeas—Aldermen Earle, Gafney, Lennon and McBride.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Finck, Kane, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gadis, Hough and Quaife.

Alderman Pangborn's resolution was then adopted.

The Committee on Licenses presented favorable reports on the following described license applications heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

The reports were received and the resolutions disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That a license to keep a junk shop at No. 268 Railroad avenue, in the Sixth Ward of Jersey City, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, to Patrick Geary, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

Resolved, That a license be granted to James Donnelly to keep a restaurant at 16 Sussex street, in the First Ward of Jersey City,

The resolutions were severally adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Earle, Finck, Gafney, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Quaife.

Resolved, That a license to peddle meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the City, to Frederick S. White, on his paying the license fees required by the ordinance relating to such licenses.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred this evening the petition of Mrs. Jane Boyle, to have junk license granted to her rescinded, presented a favorable report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed March 28, 1865, granting a license to Jane Boyle to keep a junk shop at No. 224 South 7th street, in the Fourth Ward, be and the same is hereby rescinded, Mrs. Boyle being desirous of having the license fees refunded, and not having given the bond required by law.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Claims and accounts were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Of J. W. Harrison, \$46; S. M. Hoffman, \$109 74, and John Kane, \$49 50.

Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of John English, \$33, and \$27 92.

Referred to Committee on Lamps.

Of J. W. Harrison, \$68 25.

Referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Of D. E. Culver, \$5.

Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of Dennis Burns, \$2,271 58; John Coar, \$694 50; D. E. Culver, \$69 73, and \$15; F. J. Mallory, \$12, and Martin Ward, \$190 75.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Kane moved, that the resolutions passed January 17, 1865, suspending Policeman Simmons, and Chance-policeman Peter Dolan from pay and duty for one year, as a punishment for the offences charged against them, in the communication of His Honor the Mayor, presented to the Common Council January 3, 1865, be rescinded.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Aldermen Gafney, Earle, and McBride.

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Finck, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke, and Aldermen Earle, Gafney, and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough, and Quaife.

Alderman Kane moved, That Policeman Simmons and Chance-policeman Peter Dolan be reinstated in their former positions as members of the Police Department.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Nafew and Gafney:

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Finck, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Gafney and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Quaife.

On motion of Alderman Pangborn, the petition presented this evening of Policeman McDonagh, to be allowed thirty days' pay deducted from his salary on charges preferred against him by the Chief of Police, and for which he was suspended by the Mayor, December 5, 1864, was taken from the table for consideration.

Alderman Pangborn moved

"That the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Kane and Gafney:

Yeas—Aldermen Decker, Finck, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn and Terry.

Nays—President Clarke and Aldermen Earle, Gafney and McBride.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Gaddis, Hough and Quaife.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Decker, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Committee on Enlistments, and to be accounted for, one hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars [\$129,000], for moneys expended in paying bounties under the last call.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





Regular meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, April 25th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke and Aldermen Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife and Terry.

Alderman Decker was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 18th inst., and of the adjourned regular meeting of the 20th inst., were read and approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, received and disposed of as follows, viz :

Official bond of John Fallon, as Constable, with Peter Curley and Charles McCann as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Official bond of Dennis Farrell, as Constable, with James Lynch and John Kennedy as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Official bond of John Feeley, as Constable, with John Purcell and John Fleming as sureties.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Mary Davidson, to have a brick wall built so as to support filling of yard of Public School No. 1, and to protect wood-sheds, &c., of lots Nos. 91 and 93 Montgomery street.

Laid upon the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The following claims and accounts, referred to Committees at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct, for the following-named amounts, respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid, viz :

Of John Anness, \$15 55; William Barry, \$24; John Coar, \$694 50; D. E. Culver, \$15 and \$5; Drayton & Durant, \$262 48; Officers of Election, First Ward, \$34 00; Peter Keller, \$26; S. D. Ellis, \$7; John English, \$33 and \$27 92; Matthew Erwin, \$93 43; J. W. Harrison, \$68 25, and \$46; S. M. Hoffman, \$109 74; Japhet Jardine, \$15 18; John Kane, \$49 50; F. J. Mallory, \$12; P. H. Nugent, \$2 50; Charles H. O'Neill, \$25 89; Joseph Pye, \$30; Hugh Reilly & Brother, \$48 88; A. B. Reynolds, \$6 75; Myrard Sharp, \$108 00; W. J. B. Smith, \$234 75; Richard A. Wood, \$43 50, and Woolsey & Terry, \$141 08 and \$3 50.

Claims of Dennis Byrnes, \$4,271 88; D. E. Culver, \$69 73, and Martin Ward, \$190 75, all for work and materials furnished in the improvement of the south side of Railroad avenue, from Prospect street to Warren street, referred to the Committee on Streets, April 20th, 1865, were reported correct by said Committee.

The reports were received, adopted, and the claims laid upon the table.

The following claims and accounts were presented, received, referred to their appropriate Committees, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive the reports of the Committees on the same, and said claims were reported correct, and ordered paid, viz :

Of F. P. Budden, \$37 50; James Cahill, \$12 50; William Connor, \$20 25; Felix Dolan, \$12 50, and \$10; Jersey City & Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$221 80, \$180 38, \$82 98, and \$60 38; J. W. Harrison, \$26 10; Edward Hope, Jr., \$12; Michael Killen, \$49 75; James McDermott, \$40 50; John Ryan, \$24; Theodore F. Morris, \$75, and Officers of Election of Third Ward, \$34.

#### OFFICERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication from his honor the Mayor, transmitting statement of Chief of Police of articles on hand at the Station House, awaiting the disposal of the Common Council, was presented, received and on motion of Alderman Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the articles reported this evening by the Chief of Police, as being on hand at the Station House, awaiting the disposal of the Common Council, be delivered to the Overseer of the Poor, with instructions to dispose of them for the benefit of the poor.

The resignation of Patrick Sheeran as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments was presented, received and accepted.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred on the 20th inst., the communication from the Collector of Revenue, requesting the cancelment of sale of lot erroneously returned and sold for taxes of 1862, &c., presented a report thereon, recommending the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, that the sale made October 1, 1863, for taxes of 1862, of part of lot 21 South 5th street, in block 223, Van Vorst township map, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that the taxes due thereon for 1862, were paid to the Collector of Revenue and erroneously returned as unpaid, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the purchaser, Henry E. Inglee, for the purchase money (\$9 20) paid by him, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancelling the declaration of sale of said part of lot.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented favorable reports on the following described official bonds heretofore referred to them, the following resolutions accompanying the reports.

Resolved, That the official bond of Aaron Cox as a City Auctioneer, executed by him as principal, and by Jonathan J. Durant and William Mitchell as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of David Crocherson, as an Auctioneer, executed by him as principal, and by Thomas Negus and William H. Fresse as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of John Fallon as Constable, executed by him as principal, and by Peter Curley and Charles McCann as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of Dennis Farrell, as Constable, executed by him as principal, and by James Lynch and John Kennedy as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

Resolved, That the official bond of John Feeley as Constable, executed by him as principal, and by John Purcell and John Fleming as sureties, be accepted and approved, and that said bond be filed in the Comptroller's office.

The reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted.

The Committee on Lamps to whom was referred January 17, 1865, with power, the petition of James Lynch and others, to have two lamps erected in Washington street, between Mercer and Wayne streets, presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Lamps are hereby authorized to have two gas lamps erected in Washington street, between Mercer and Wayne streets.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Licenses reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed February 7, 1865, granting a license to David Scott, as a City Auctioneer, be, and the same is hereby res-



cinded, for the reason that Mr. Scott has failed to give the bond required by law.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances returned as unfinished business the communication referred to them April 20, 1865, of Corporation Attorney, enclosing letter from B. Williamson, Esq., counsel for E. L. Viele in reference to suit between the city and said Viele, respecting city map.

The communication was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, who were instructed by resolution passed February 3, 1865, to report upon what terms the lot in South Eighth street occupied by Engine House No. 6, can be purchased, presented a report thereon, setting forth that the lot belongs to Peter Bentley, and can be purchased for twelve hundred dollars.

The report was received and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Schools to whom was referred February 28, 1865, with instructions, the communication from W. H. Horton, in reference to the condition of the Town Clock, &c., presented a report thereon, setting forth the present condition of the same, &c.

The report was accepted by the following vote: the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Drake, Nafew and Earle:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, Hough, Lennon, McBride and Pangborn.

Nays—Aldermen Drake, Ege, Finck, Kane, Nafew, Quaife and Terry.

Absent—Aldermen Decker and Gaddis.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred, on the 20th inst., the petition of Edward Cullen and others for opening and widening of Coles street, &c., presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of the following resolution appointing a time and place for a hearing.

Resolved, That Monday May 22, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and the committee room in the City Hall are hereby appointed as the time and place when and where the Committee on Streets of this Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing, on the merits of the same, all parties interested in the application presented to the Common Council, April 4, 1865, of Edward Cullen and others, to have Coles street widened from a point forty two feet from the Southwest corner of Coles street and South 8th street to a point where it would join the Northwesternly line of Varick street, and the same to be a continuation of Coles street, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the corporation paper, for the length of time required by law, notice of the presentation of the said application, and of the appointment of the above named time and place for a hearing.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets returned as unfinished business the following described papers referred to said committee at the following named dates:

July 19, 1864, communication from Corporation Attorney enclosing letter from Morris Canal Company in reference to constructing bulkhead along Canal street, &c.

Oct. 18, 1864, petition of S. Alofsen and others for extension of Washington street, &c.

Oct. 18, 1864, petition of Smith Mead and others for extension of Washington street, &c.

November 15, 1864, with power, petition of Dennis Byrnes for permission to buy cobble stones belonging to the city, &c.

November 29, 1864, remonstrance of S. Alofsen and others against improvement of Washington street, &c.

January 10, 1865, petition of Robert Smyth for

permission to lay a box drain across Prospect street, &c.

February 23, 1865, petition of John Rehill and others for establishment of width of side walk on north side of Railroad avenue, &c.

March 21, 1865, petition of Thomas S. Dillon for damages to windows broken by a crowd, &c.

March 21, 1865, petition of S. S. Post for abatement of nuisance caused by overflow of water in gutter in South First street, &c.

March 28, 1865, petition of E. Olcott and others for improvement of Montgomery street, &c.

The papers were laid upon the table.

(Alderman Decker appeared and took his seat).

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

A claim of the Jersey City and Hoboken Gas Light Company, \$3,066.62 for gas for street lamps from January 1st to April 1st, 1865 was presented, received and laid upon the table.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Alderman Earle, and adopted:

Whereas, This Common Council did, on the 21st day of February, 1865, adopt a preamble and resolution with reference to the Constitutional Amendment proposed by the Congress of the United States, abolishing slavery and involuntary servitude, except in cases of crime, and

Whereas, Since which time mighty events have transpired which call upon every citizen to proclaim himself in favor of Freedom, and to refrain from any word or act that can by any possibility be construed as in favor of slavery, and

Whereas, It is the sense of this Board that it is a matter not properly belonging to them: therefore,

Resolved, That said preamble and resolution be and they are hereby rescinded.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Hough, and adopted:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it be to Monday evening, May 1st, 1865, at half-past 7 o'clock, for the purpose of approving the minutes only.

Alderman Terry moved,

"That the ordinance presented February 14th, 1865, entitled 'An ordinance to authorize the New York and Port Lee Railroad Company to lay a single track of iron rails in certain streets in Jersey City,' be taken from the table for consideration.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Decker, Nafew, and Ege.

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Finck, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Gafney, Hough, and Lennon.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The ordinance was considered, amended, and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—President Clarke and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Nays—Aldermen Duff, Gafney, and Lennon.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Quaife and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to communicate with the Secretary of State and procure all amendments to the City Charter relating to taxes, also all amendments to the general tax laws, passed by the last legislature, for the use of the assessors of Jersey City, it being necessary that the assessors may get their books to commence their duties by the 20th of May.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Earle:

Resolved, That the motions adopted at last meeting with reference to policeman Simmons, chance policeman Peter Dolan, and policeman McDonough, be and they are hereby rescinded.

The resolution was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Earle, Nafew and Kane.

Yeas—President Clarke, and Aldermen Duff, Earle, Edge, Gafney, McBride, and Quaife.

Nays—Aldermen Decker, Drake, Ege, Finck, Hough, Kane, Lennon, Nafew, Pangborn, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

On motion of Alderman Kane, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Patrick Sheeran.

John Shields was nominated by Alderman Kane and on motion of Alderman Edge, the rule requiring a balloting was, by unanimous consent, suspended, and John Shields was *viva voce* unan-

imously appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessments.

On motion of Alderman McBride, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting held at the Common Council Chamber, Monday, May 1st, 1865, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Clarke, and Aldermen Decker, Drake, Duff, Earle, Edge, Ege, Finck, Gafney, Hough, Kane, Lennon, McBride, Nafew, Pangborn, Quaife, and Terry.

Absent—Alderman Gaddis.

The Minutes of the regular meeting, held April 25th, 1865, were read and approved.

On motion of Alderman Hough, the Board then adjourned, *sine die*.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
City Clerk.





## Proceedings of the Board of City Canvassers in Jersey City.

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Jersey City, the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber, in the City Hall, on Friday, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, at five o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Charter Election, held on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk. Present—Aldermen Clarke, Decker, Gafney, Lennon, and George W. Cassedy, City Clerk.

The following-named Judges of Election from the several Wards of the City appeared, and took their seats as members of the Board, viz :

Samuel M. Chambers, from the First Ward.

William W. Knight, from the Second Ward.

John T. Mellor, from the Third Ward.

John A. Topping, from the Fourth Ward.

Joan B. Perry, from the Fifth Ward.

James Nissen, from the Sixth Ward.

Absent—Aldermen Drake, Duff, Edge, Ege, Finck, Nafew, Pangborn, and Quate.

On motion of Alderman Decker, Samuel M. Chambers, Esq., was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the Board, and to the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the City Charter, and Alderman Decker administered to the Chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the City Charter.

Whereupon the Judges of Election from the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Wards produced the original Statements which had been delivered to them respectively, and laid the same before the Board, and the original Statement of the result of the election in the First Ward not being produced, the City Clerk laid before the Board the return from the First Ward, which had been filed in his office.

The original Statements and the return were received and read.

The Board then proceeded to ascertain from the said original Statements and return the votes given at the Charter Election in Jersey City, on the 11th instant, for the persons voted for thereat, for the several offices mentioned in such Statements.

The Board then made a written statement of the whole number of votes given for Mayor of Jersey City, as well as for the several other officers elected for said City, and the several Wards thereof, together with the names of the persons for whom such votes were given, and the number of votes given for each, as required by the provisions of the City Charter.

The Board then proceeded, upon the above mentioned Statement so made by them, to determine and declare, and they did determine and declare what person or persons had received the highest number of votes for each of the offices mentioned in such Statement; which Statement and final declaration of the Board of City Canvassers was, on motion of Alderman Decker, ordered to be certified by the presiding officer and Clerk, and to be filed in the City Clerk's office, together with the original Statements of the result of the Charter Election.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, it was

Resolved, That the Statement and final determination made by this Board of City Canvassers, of the result of the Charter Election held in Jersey City, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, be published in the Corporation paper.

On motion of Mr. Mellor, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman and Clerk of the Board be requested to make out the claim of such of its members as are entitled to compensation

for their services as City Canvassers, and present the said claim to the Common Council of Jersey City for payment.

The Minutes of the Board were then read, and on motion of Alderman Gafney, were approved.

On motion of Alderman Gafney, the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned, *sine die*.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

### A STATEMENT

of the result of an election held in Jersey City, in the county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday the Eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, to elect city and ward officers, made by the Board of City Canvassers for said city.

Whole number of votes cast in the first ward	663
six hundred and sixty-three	
Whole number of votes cast in the second ward	631
six hundred and thirty-one	
Whole number of votes cast in the third ward	768
seven hundred and six-eight	
Whole number of votes cast in the fourth ward	759
seven hundred and fifty-nine	
Whole number of votes cast in the fifth ward	851
eight hundred fifty-one	
Whole number of votes cast in the sixth ward	453
four hundred and fifty-three	
Whole number of votes cast in the city	4,125
four thousand one hundred and twenty five	
Whole number of ballots rejected in the first ward	1
one	
Whole number of ballots rejected in the second ward	2
two	
Whole number of ballots rejected in the third ward	0
none	
Whole number of ballots rejected in the fourth ward	1
one	
Whole number of ballots rejected the fifth ward	2
two	
Whole number of ballots rejected the sixth ward	1
one	
Whole number of ballots rejected in the city	8
eight	

### FOR CITY OFFICERS.

#### FOR MAYOR.

Orestes Cleveland received in the first ward	360 votes
three hundred and sixty	
Orestes Cleveland received in the second ward	391 votes
three hundred and ninety one	
Orestes Cleveland received in the third ward	303 votes
three hundred and three	
Orestes Cleveland received in the fourth ward	319 votes
three hundred and nineteen	
Orestes Cleveland received in the fifth ward	556 votes
five hundred and fifty six	
Orestes Cleveland received in the sixth ward	368 votes
three hundred and sixty eight	
Total number of votes received by Orestes Cleveland	2297
two thousand two hundred and ninety seven	
John W Pangborn received in the first ward	301 votes
three hundred and one	
John W Pangborn received in the second ward	235 votes
two hundred and thirty-five	
John W Pangborn received in the third ward	456 votes
four hundred and fifty six	
John W Pangborn received in the fourth ward	435 votes
four hundred and thirty five	
John W Pangborn received in the fifth ward	235 votes
two hundred and eighty five	
John W Pangborn received in the sixth ward	69 votes
sixty nine	
Total number of votes received by John W Pangborn	1781
one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one	
Cleveland received in the third ward	2 votes
two	



O Cleveland received in the fourth ward 1 vote  
 John Hart received in the fifth ward 1 vote  
 Total number of scattering votes for mayor four 4

#### FOR WATER COMMISSIONER.

Hosea F Clark received in the first ward three hundred and sixty seven 367 votes  
 Hosea F Clark received in the second ward three hundred and ninety nine 399 votes  
 Hosea F Clark received in the third ward two hundred and ninety 290 votes  
 Hosea F Clark received in the fourth ward three hundred and eighty four 384 votes  
 Hosea F Clark received in the fifth ward five hundred and forty nine 549 votes  
 Hosea F Clark received in the sixth ward three hundred and sixty five 365 votes  
 Total number of votes received by Hosea F Clark two thousand three and fifty four 2354  
 John B Romar received in the first ward two hundred and eighty five 285 votes  
 John B Romar received in the second ward two hundred and twenty one 221 votes  
 John B Romar received in the third ward four hundred and fifty three 453 votes  
 John B Romar received in the fourth ward three hundred and seventy two 372 votes  
 John B Romar received in the fifth ward two hundred eighty six 286 votes  
 John B Romar received in the sixth ward fifty nine 59 votes  
 Total number of votes received by John B Romar one thousand six hundred and seventy six 1676  
 H Clark received in the second ward one 1 vote  
 H F Clark received in the second ward one 1 vote  
 D S Malvers received in the second ward one 1 vote  
 H F Clark received in the third ward four 4 votes  
 Hosea Clark received in the third ward one 1 vote  
 N C Sleight received in third ward one 1 vote  
 Dutch Hen received in the third ward one 1 vote  
 H F Clark received in the fourth ward one 1 vote  
 J B Romar received in the fourth ward one 1 vote  
 Roma received in the fourth ward one 1 vote  
 Walter H Fraser received in the fourth ward 1 vote  
 Total number of scattering votes for Water Commissioner fourteen 14

#### FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Joseph McCoy received in the First Ward three hundred and sixty-three 363 votes  
 Joseph McCoy received in the Second Ward three hundred and seventy-nine 379 votes  
 Joseph McCoy received in the Third Ward two hundred and eighty 280 votes  
 Joseph McCoy received in the Fourth Ward three hundred and sixty-eight 368 votes  
 Joseph McCoy received in the Fifth Ward five hundred and sixty-two 562 votes  
 Joseph McCoy received in the Sixth Ward three hundred and sixty-seven 367 votes  
 Total number of votes received by Joseph McCoy two thousand three hundred and nineteen 2319  
 Wheelock H Parmley received in the First Ward two hundred and ninety-seven 297 votes  
 Wheelock H Parmley received in the Second Ward two hundred and forty-two 242 votes  
 Wheelock H Parmley received in the Third Ward four hundred and seventy-eight 478 votes  
 Wheelock H Parmley received in the Fourth Ward three hundred and seventy-seven 377 votes

Wheelock H Parmly received in the Fifth Ward two hundred and eighty two 282 votes  
 Wheelock H Parmley received in the Sixth Ward seventy-two 72 votes  
 Total number of votes received by Wheelock H Parmley one thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight 1728  
 Wheelock Parmly received in the Second Ward one 1 vote  
 Rev Palmerly received in the Fourth Ward one 1 vote  
 Parmley received in the Fifth ward one 1 vote  
 Total number of scattering votes for School Superintendent three 3

#### FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.

Joseph McManus received in the First ward three hundred and seventy-nine 379 votes  
 Joseph McManus received in the Second ward two hundred and seventy-six 276 votes  
 Joseph McManus received in the Third ward five hundred and fifty-one 551 votes  
 Joseph McManus received in the Fourth ward five hundred and fifty three 553 votes  
 Joseph McManus received in the Fifth ward four hundred and eight 408 votes  
 Joseph McManus received in the Sixth ward one hundred and forty seven 147 votes  
 Total number of votes received by Joseph McManus two thousand three hundred and fourteen 2314  
 Patrick Jordan received in the First ward two hundred and seventy four 274 votes  
 Patrick Jordan received in the Second ward three hundred and fifty 350 votes  
 Patrick Jordan received in the Third ward two hundred and three 203 votes  
 Patrick Jordan received in the Fourth ward one hundred and eighty-four 184 votes  
 Patrick Jordan received in the Fifth ward four hundred and thirty-three 433 votes  
 Patrick Jordan received in the Sixth ward three hundred 300 votes  
 Total number of votes received by Patrick Jordan one thousand seven hundred and forty-four 1744  
 B F Champney received in the First ward one 1 vote  
 Pat Jordan received in the Third ward one 1 vote  
 William P Douglass received in the Third ward one 1 vote  
 An American received in the Third ward one 1 vote  
 J McManus received in the Fourth ward one 1 vote  
 McManus received in the Fourth ward one 1 vote  
 P Jordan received in the Fourth ward one 1 vote  
 J McMan received in the Fifth ward two 2 votes  
 J Bell received in the Fifth ward one 1 vote  
 Total number of scattering votes for Chief of Police ten 10

#### FOR WARD OFFICERS.

##### First Ward.

#### FOR ALDERMAN.

Thomas Earle received six hundred and thirteen 613 votes  
 James L Blackmore received one 1 vote  
 Hampton A Coursen received three 3 votes  
 Leroy Schermerhorn received one 1 vote  
 John McBride received one 1 vote  
 Francis Jenkins received one 1 vote  
 H Coursen received one 1 vote

#### FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

Peter Curley received three hundred and thirty-three 333 votes  
 John Griffith received three hundred and eleven 311 votes

Mathew Erwin received one 1 vote  
 James Lynch received two 2 votes  
 Dudley S Gregory received one 1 vote

## FOR COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

Daniel S Sinclair received three hundred and thirty-two 332 votes  
 Dudley S Gregory, Jr., received three hundred and two 302 votes  
 John Bond received two 2 votes  
 Benjamin O Edge received one 1 vote  
 D S Gregory received one 1 vote

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

William Harney received two hundred and ninety-three 293 votes  
 D Francis Smith received two hundred and ninety-nine 299 votes  
 Phineas C Dummer received three hundred and two 302 votes  
 George G Steele received three hundred and fifty-five 355 votes  
 William J B Smith received three hundred and fifty-six 356 votes  
 Henry Acelung received three hundred and fifty-two 352 votes  
 John H Garretson received one 1 vote  
 Adrian B Reynolds received one 1 vote  
 Stephen S Sparks received one 1 vote  
 Thomas Dwyer received two 2 votes  
 John Tympany received two 2 votes  
 Peter Lynch received two 2 votes

## FOR WARD CLERK.

John Burst received three hundred and one 301 votes  
 William E Altemus received three hundred and fifty 350 votes  
 James H. Love received one 1 vote  
 John A Knoeler received two 2 votes

## FOR CONSTABLE.

Henry M Manning received three hundred and five 305 votes  
 John Fallon received three hundred and thirty-seven 337 votes  
 Jacob Soney received one 1 vote  
 Dennis Farrell received two 2 votes

## FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Peter D Vroom received three hundred and fifty-seven 357 votes  
 Benton B Grinnell received two hundred and ninety-five 295 votes  
 Brenton Smith received one 1 vote  
 P D Vroom received one 1 vote  
 George E Cutter received three 3 votes  
 Dennis Hogan received two 2 votes

*Second Ward.*

## FOR ALDERMEN.

John McBride received three hundred and forty-six 346 votes  
 James L Blackmore received two hundred and sixty-nine 269 votes  
 J L Blackmore received one 1 vote  
 Joseph Van Doren received one vote 1 vote  
 John P Jackson received one 1 vote  
 Edwin J Murphy received one 1 vote  
 Thomas Earle received one 1 vote

## FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

James Lynch received three hundred and sixty-eight 368 votes  
 Matthew Erwin received two hundred and forty-four 244 votes  
 James Lynch received one 1 vote  
 Mat Irwin received one 1 vote  
 John H Smyth received one 1 vote  
 John Shields received one 1 vote  
 Peter Curley received one 1 vote

## COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

John Bond received three hundred and seventy-six 376 votes  
 Benjamin O Edge received three hundred and forty-two 342 votes  
 John Cronham received one 1 vote  
 Jacob Irwin received one 1 vote  
 Daniel S. Sinclair received one 1 vote

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

Thomas Dwyer received three hundred and seventy-five 375 votes  
 Peter Lynch received three hundred and seventy-four, 374 votes  
 John Tympany received three hundred and seventy-five 375 votes  
 Adrian B. Reynolds received two hundred and forty-three 243 votes  
 John H Garretson received two hundred and forty-three 243 votes  
 Stephen S. Sparks received two hundred and forty-two 242 votes  
 Daniel Crane received one 1 vote  
 Melancthon K. Curtis received one 1 vote  
 John Thompson received one 1 vote  
 John T. Miller received one 1 vote  
 James Ratters received one 1 vote  
 David McKernan received one 1 vote  
 George G. Steele received one 1 vote  
 William J. B. Smith received one 1 vote  
 Henry Adelong received one 1 vote

## FOR WARD CLERK.

John A. Knoeler received three hundred and seventy-nine 379 votes  
 James H. Love received two hundred and forty-two 242 votes  
 Charles F. Case received one 1 vote  
 J. Sisco received one 1 vote  
 Richard Garrick received one 1 vote  
 William E. Altemus received one 1 vote

## FOR CONSTABLE.

Dennis Farrel received three hundred and seventy 370 votes  
 Jacob Soney received two hundred and forty-five 245 votes  
 Walter Van Derzee received one 1 vote  
 James O'Neil received one 1 vote  
 J. W. Treadwell received one 1 vote  
 John Fallon received one 1 vote

## FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

George E. Cutter, received six hundred and one 601 votes  
 Dennis Hogan received three hundred and sixty-seven 367 votes  
 James Lynch received two 2 votes  
 John J. Bolston received one 1 vote  
 Smith Mead received one 1 vote  
 Peter D. Vroom received one 1 vote

*Third Ward.*

## FOR ALDERMAN.

Rufus K. Terry received four hundred and sixty-seven 467 votes  
 Edwin J Murphy received two hundred and fifty-two votes 252 votes  
 Rufus H. Terry received twenty-six 26 votes  
 R. K. Terry received one 1 vote  
 E. J. Murphy received one 1 vote  
 Murphy received one 1 vote  
 James Z. Zozgal received one 1 vote  
 James N. Davis, received one 1 vote

## FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

Thomas Gross received four hundred and eighty-seven 487 votes  
 John Shields received two hundred and sixty-seven 267 votes  
 Anning Smith received one 1 vote



## FOR COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

Isaac I. Vanderbeek received four hundred and eighty-eight 488 votes  
 Jacob Irwin received two hundred and fifty-three 253 votes  
 Isaac Vanderbeek received five 5 votes  
 J. I. Vanderbeek received one 1 vote  
 I. Vanderbeek received one 1 vote  
 John Kennedy received one 1 vote

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

Nelson H. Coykendall received five hundred and ten 510 votes  
 Robert Hood received four hundred and ninety-five 495 votes  
 William T. Wier received four hundred and ninety-one 491 votes  
 John T. Mellor received two hundred and fifty-five 255 votes  
 James Rafter received two hundred and fifty-three 253 votes  
 David McKernan received two hundred and fifty-four 254 votes  
 William Wier received six 6 votes  
 George Duncan received one 1 vote  
 W. H. Conway received one 1 vote  
 Jas. Rafter received one 1 vote  
 W. R. Meeker received one 1 vote  
 John Lossy received one 1 vote  
 John A. Topping received one 1 vote

## FOR WARD CLERK.

George Duncan, jr., received four hundred and ninety-eight 498 votes  
 Richard Garriek received two hundred and forty-nine 249 votes  
 George W Laforge received one 1 vote  
 Nelson H. Ames received one 1 vote

## FOR CONSTABLE.

Joseph W Strober received four hundred and ninety-eight 498 votes  
 James O'Neill received two hundred and forty-seven 247 votes  
 J O'Neill received one 1 vote  
 Walter Vanderzee received one 1 vote

## FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Henry D Holt received four hundred and sixty-six 466 votes  
 Smith Smead received two hundred and eighty-five 285 votes  
 U S Grant received one 1 vote  
 Phil Sheridan received one 1 vote  
 Peter Stilsing received one 1 vote

*Fourth Ward.*

## FOR ALDERMAN.

James N Davis received three hundred and eighty-six 386 votes  
 Joseph Van Doren received three hundred and sixty-three 363 votes  
 J N Davis received three 3 votes  
 Van Doren received two 2 votes  
 Patrick Sheeran received one 1 vote  
 John McBride received one 1 vote

## FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

Anning Smith received three hundred and sixty-seven 367 votes  
 John H Smyth received three hundred and eighty-four 384 votes  
 John McGuigan received one 1 vote  
 James Lynch received one 1 vote

## FOR COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

John Kennedy received three hundred and fifty 350 votes  
 John E Cronham received three hundred

and eighty-nine 389 votes  
 Richard Cosgrove received one 1 vote  
 John Bond received one 1 vote

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

William R Meeker received three hundred and sixty-six 366 votes  
 John H Lossy received three hundred and sixty-five 365 votes  
 John A Topping received three hundred and sixty-one 361 votes  
 Hiram D Crane received three hundred and eighty-six 386 votes  
 Melanthere S. Curtis received three hundred and seventy-eight. 378 votes  
 John Thompson received three hundred and seventy-five 375 votes  
 John English received one 1 vote  
 Frederick Siebel received one 1 vote  
 Thomas Doherty received one 1 vote  
 Thomas Dwyer received one 1 vote  
 Peter Lynch received one 1 vote  
 John Tympany received one 1 vote

## FOR WARD CLERK.

Nelson L Arms received three hundred and seventy six 376 votes  
 Charles F Case received three hundred and sixty-three 363 votes  
 Charles T Case received five 5 votes  
 Ferdinand Lewis received one 1 vote  
 John Knöler received one 1 vote  
 Charles Bliven received one 1 vote

## FOR CONSTABLE.

Walter Van Derzee received four hundred and thirteen 413 votes  
 Hamilton Wilson received three hundred and thirty-one 331 votes  
 Hamilton H. Wilson received five 5 votes  
 J H Robertson received one 1 vote  
 W Van Derzee received one 1 vote  
 Felix Dolan received one 1 vote  
 Dennis Farrell received one 1 vote

## FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Peter Stilsing received three hundred and seventy-seven 377 votes  
 John J Bouten received three hundred and sixty 360 votes  
 P Stilsing received two 2 votes  
 Frederick Lincks received one 1 vote  
 Michael McNulty received one 1 vote  
 John J Grogan received one 1 vote  
 George E Cutter received one 1 vote  
 Dennis Hogan received one 1 vote

*Fifth Ward.*

## FOR ALDERMAN.

Charles H O'Neill received four hundred and fifteen 415 votes  
 Edward G Burgess received two hundred and eighty-nine 289 votes  
 Charles H Atkins received one hundred and twenty three 123 votes  
 A Pine received one 1 vote  
 Atkins received one 1 vote  
 Charles O'Neill received one 1 vote

## FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

John Lowery received five hundred and forty-three 543 votes  
 Charles O Potter received two hundred and eighty five 285 votes

## FOR COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

Patrick Reilly received four hundred and twenty-nine 429 votes  
 Jacob R Hardenberg received two hundred and eighty-two 282 votes  
 Thomas E Tilden received one hundred and twenty-one 121 votes  
 C V Traphagen received one 1 vote

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

Daniel Gleeson received four hundred and thirteen	413 votes
John Murphy received four hundred and twenty-five	425 votes
Christopher Connelly received four hundred and twenty-five	425 votes
James Gopsill received two hundred and ninety-one	291 votes
Benjamin B Shackelton received two hundred and eighty-nine	289 votes
Abram D Brown received two hundred and eighty-eight	288 votes
John Fleming received one hundred and fourteen	114 votes
Michael Connolly received ninety-three	93 votes
Patrick Halligan received one hundred and twenty	120 votes
Patrick O'Connor received twenty-three	23 votes

## FOR WARD CLERK.

Charles W Bliven received four hundred and ninety-one	491 votes
Richard Grant received two hundred and eighty-one	281 votes
Michael Sandford received one	1 vote

## FOR CONSTABLE.

John Feeley received four hundred and twenty-three	423 votes
Alfred B Arnold received two hundred and eighty-nine	289 votes
James McGarr received one hundred and twenty	120 votes

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Thomas E Tilden received four hundred and seventeen	417 votes
William C Whyte received two hundred and eighty-four	284 votes
Louis Johnson received one hundred and twenty	120 votes
Francis Robinson received one	1 vote

*Sixth Ward.*

## FOR ALDERMAN.

Patrick Sheeran received two hundred and sixty-seven	267 votes
Cornelius Kane received one hundred and sixty-four	164 votes
Rufus K Terry received two	2 votes

## FOR CHOSEN FREEHOLDER.

John McGuigan received four hundred and thirteen	413 votes
Thomas Gross received two	2 votes

## FOR COMMISSIONER OF APPEAL.

Richard Cosgrove received four hundred	400 votes
Isaac I Vanderbeek received two	2 votes

## FOR JUDGES OF ELECTION.

John English received four hundred and thirty-three	433 votes
Frederick Sibel received four hundred and thirty-seven	437 votes
Thomas Doherty received four hundred and thirty-eight	438 votes
Nelson H Coykendall received two	2 votes
Robert Hood received two	2 votes
William T Weir received two	2 votes

## FOR WARD CLERK.

Ferdinand Lewis received four hundred and forty-seven	447 votes
George Duncan, Jr., received two	2 votes

## FOR CONSTABLE.

Felix Dolan received two hundred and ninety-nine	299 votes
James O'Rourke received one hundred and twenty-six	126 votes

Joseph W Strober received two 2 votes

## FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Frederick Lincks, Sr., received three hundred and thirty-three	333 votes
Peter N Horsley received five	5 votes
Henry D Holt received two	2 votes

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the election above mentioned, as the same is produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers according to law; and that the same exhibits the number of voters on the poll books of the Wards respectively, and of the ballots rejected; the whole number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the several Wards; the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given, the number of votes given for each person in each Ward, and the whole number of votes given for each person for each office designated for him as they appear by the statements so produced and laid before the Board.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this fourteenth day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SAMUEL M. CHAMBERS,  
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,  
Clerk of the Board of City Canvassers.

## A STATEMENT.

Of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers relative to an election held in Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, for the election of a Mayor, a Water Commissioner, a School Superintendent, and a Chief of Police for said city; one Alderman, one Chosen Freeholder, one Commissioner of Appeals, three Judges of Election, one Ward Clerk, and one Constable for each of the several Wards in the said city.

The said Board do determine and declare that at the said election the following named persons having received the highest number of votes for each of the offices above mentioned, were duly elected to the following named offices.

## CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor—Orestes Cleveland.  
Water Commissioner—Hosea F. Clark.  
School Superintendent—Joseph McCoy.  
Chief of Police—Joseph McManus.

## FIRST WARD OFFICERS,

Alderman—Thomas Earle.  
Chosen Freeholder—Peter Curley.  
Commissioner of Appeal—Daniel S Sinclair.  
Judges of Election—George G Steele, William J B Smith and Henry Adelung.  
Ward Clerk—William E Altemus.  
Constable—John Fallon.

## SECOND WARD OFFICERS.

Alderman—John McBride.  
Chosen Freeholder—James Lynch.  
Commissioner of Appeal—John Bond.  
Judges of Election—Thomas Dwyer, Peter Lynch and John Tympany.  
Ward Clerk—John A Knoeler.  
Constable—Dennis Farrell.

## THIRD WARD OFFICERS.

Alderman—Rufus K Terry.  
Chosen Freeholder—Thomas Gross.  
Commissioner of Appeal—Isaac I Vanderbeek.  
Judges of Election—Nelson H Coykendall, Robert Hood, and William T Weir.  
Ward Clerk—George Duncan, junior.  
Constable—Joseph W Strober.



## FOURTH WARD OFFICERS.

Alderman—James N Davis  
 Chosen Freeholder—John H Smyth.  
 Commissioner of Appeal—John E Cronham.  
 Judges of Election—Hiram D Crane, Melanethon  
 S Curtis and John Thompson.  
 Ward Clerk—Nelson L Arms.  
 Constable—Walter Van Derzee.

## FIFTH WARD OFFICERS.

Alderman—Charles H O'Neill.  
 Chosen Freeholder—John Lowery.  
 Commissioner of Appeals—Patrick Reilly.  
 Judges of Election—Daniel Gleeson, John Mur-  
 phy and Christopher Connelly.  
 Ward Clerk—Charles W Bliyen.  
 Constable—John Feeley.

## SIXTH WARD OFFICERS.

Alderman—Patrick Sheeran.

Chosen Freeholder—John McGuigan.  
 Commissioner of Appeals—Richard Cosgrove.  
 Judges of Election—John English, Frederick  
 Sibel and Thomas Doherty.  
 Ward Clerk—Ferdinand Lewis.  
 Constable—Felix Dolan

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full  
 and correct statement of the determination of the  
 Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our  
 hands this fourteenth day of April, in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-  
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SAMUEL M. CHAMBERS,  
 Chairman of the Board of City Canvassers.

Geo. W. CASSEDY,  
 Clerk of of the Board of City Canvassers.

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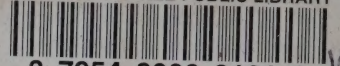
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